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*A Century of
SigEp Servicemen*

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country and protect
our freedom**

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Bert Harris III, Florida '74, received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Florida, and he completed a J.D. at Florida State in 1979. He is the attorney for the Town of Lake Placid, Fla., where his practice areas include civil litigation, real property and land use.

In 1993, Harris was appointed as a trustee of the National Housing Corporation (which became SigEp National Housing, LLC, in 2009). He served as president of the National Housing Corporation from 1995 through 2009. Harris was elected to the National Board of Directors in 2003, and he was elected Grand Secretary of the Board in 2009. At the 2011 Conclave in Phoenix, Ariz., Harris became the 55th Grand President of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Half-way to Conclave

Not too long ago, I reached the half-way point in my term as Grand President. The time has gone by too quickly and provoked me to reflect on not just the past year, but the past 111 years. In October 2012, our 111th year, SigEp initiated its 300,000th member. That is worth taking a moment to appreciate. We reached 100,000 members in 1976. We reached 200,000 in 1994; and 300,000 just 18 years later when Kevin McGuire from our Illinois Alpha Chapter became his chapter's 2,280th member.

The growth of our brotherhood confirms, in my mind, that the SigEp experience is a necessary and valuable part of the collegiate experience. It confirms that SigEp programs and our efforts as volunteers can have a significant impact on today's undergraduate brothers.

As I envision the second half of my term, I'm reminded that each story of success also highlights an opportunity to do more. In challenging economic times, the trick is to improve the undergraduate experience without placing additional financial burden on our undergraduate brothers who already face increasing tuition rates and decreasing student aid.

The power of giving

Each of us has the ability to give time or treasure.

Yet, we struggle to provide our undergraduate brothers the consistent volunteer support they need. There is simply no substitute for personal mentoring, the sharing of life experiences or the lessons an alumnus has learned throughout his professional career. These types of interactions formulate a special bond and brotherhood that extends beyond the walls of a campus. To offer more support of our undergraduates and among our alumni, we are investing more time in communication and social media related efforts. You'll see in our LinkedIn feature (page 38), that brothers are everywhere, working in major companies and universities, and living in every state and across the globe. I hope we can liberate the power of the SigEp network.

Your financial support is also a key ingredient to Building Balanced Men. Despite all of our frugality, SigEp's ability to reach and impact more of our young brothers is limited by funding. In the coming years, I expect our focus on improving programs, and services to undergraduates and volunteers will yield an even stronger SigEp experience that will fill a growing out-of-the-classroom void in higher education.

The honor of service

We are able to appreciate the 111 years worth of opportunities we've been afforded because of those who have and those who currently serve in our armed forces. Many of them are our brothers. They demonstrate everything that is great about our Fraternity—leadership, sacrifice and breathtaking bravery. I am especially pleased to see our feature on SigEp servicemen.

These brothers are truly heroes in our Fraternity. They deserve a special place of honor. In this *Journal*, they will be forever memorialized as noble men who have given so much to protect what we hold dear.

At home, every SigEp has the opportunity and obligation to serve—to provide moral leadership and make meaningful contributions to our communities. That work can create some of the most fulfilling experiences of our lives. I hope that when you consider your opportunities to serve, you consider SigEp. That is the most fitting way to remember and honor those who did it for you.

Sincerely,

BERT HARRIS III
Grand President

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“Thanks for the great Spring 2012 issue of the *Journal*. It made me realize how important the Fraternity is to the positive development of young men, as it was to me.” ~ PHIL BARNEY, MONTANA '60

75 years ago in SigEp...1937

Compiled by **JAN BRAMMER**, Administrative Coordinator

A few interesting items from the *Journal* that year.

A factual cross-section

- 66 active chapters in 37 states and the District of Columbia
- A total membership of approximately 19,000
- A total of 45 of our 66 chapters own houses
- Sigma Phi Epsilon ranks 11th in size (number of chapters) out of 84 national Greek-letter fraternities
- One of four national fraternities owning a national Headquarters building

Kansas Governor initiated as honorary member by the University of Kansas Chapter



The Honorable Walter A. Huxman, governor of the state of Kansas, was initiated as an honorary member of Sigma Phi Epsilon by the Kansas Gamma Chapter on June 5, 1937. Governor Huxman's initiation occasioned

the assemblage in Lawrence of upwards of 50 notable SigEp alumni and delegates of undergraduates from its three Kansas chapters. Governor Huxman was presented with a gold key to the Fraternity and an official plaque by the members of Kansas Gamma.



SIG EP R.O.T.C. CADETS
Stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.,
during past summer

Thirteen SigEps stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., during summer

SigEp bonds were strengthened and brothers' hearts were warmed as

13 SigEp ROTC cadets from Alabama, Florida and Tennessee gathered for a SigEp dinner at Fort Benning, Ga. The group strongly felt the ties of brotherhood as there were tales of college fun, a serious discussion of chapter problems and a valuable interchange of ideas.

Oregon State to celebrate 20th anniversary, three-day celebration planned



Oregon Alpha Chapter house, Nov. '37 *Journal*

At right, the scene of the 20th anniversary celebration of the charter of Oregon Alpha on the campus of Oregon State College, in Corvallis, Ore. This chapter house was built in 1925 and is located in the center of the fraternity district. It was the old Oxford Club from which came the nucleus that formed the new chapter on February 12, 1918. And now, 20 years gone by, and in a house of its own, Oregon Alpha sounds the call for the return of alumni, and a good time will be had by all.



Ted Shawn, dance impresario

Edwin "Ted" Shawn, Denver 1912 and his male dancers—there are no women in the troupe—are known wherever the dance is known as an art. They are artist-athletes. Thirty years later, in 1967, Shawn would be awarded the SigEp Citation for his career in dance.

1937 Conclave

The eighteenth or "Great Lakes" Conclave was held September 2 - 4, 1937, at the Hotel Cleveland. Delegates from over fifty chapters and twelve active alumni chapters were in attendance among the 317 attendees.



Assistant Conclave Directory Richard W. Cook, Ohio State '31, and Conclave Director Fred Wade, Tennessee '26 commiserate at the event.

Article inspires reader to get more involved



Note: Chris Stearns read the articles about SigEp programming improvements in the Spring 2012 *Journal* and decided to volunteer. Member Development Manager Shane McKee is exploring ways to involve him.

Brother McKee,

I read your articles in the Spring 2012 *SigEp Journal* with interest given a recent event related to one of my wife's friend's children. She is a freshman at Ohio State and was raped by

a student athlete in her dorm room. While we have been focusing on her and making sure that all the right actions are taken by the university with regard to punishing this young man, it occurred to me that I have little knowledge as to why this young man behaved the way he did. He is not a SigEp to my knowledge, but I can't help but have some curiosity and concern for his behavior. What a way to ruin/impact your life at such a young age!

So, your articles are timely. I have not been very active with SigEp over the last many years beyond attending some functions at my chapter and the occasional donation. I have a young family (three kids 8 and under), a wife, a career, personal interests, etc., that all seem to consume my time. But I'd like to find a way to be involved with your efforts, if possible. If you have details you can send me on the needs and expectations of volunteers, I'd be happy to try to "fit it in." Your work is important.

CHRIS STEARNS

Ohio Northern '89

Military lost and found

Dear fellow SigEps,

The article, "Fellowship of the ring," as presented within the *SigEp Journal*, Spring 2012, pp. 38-39, was wonderful and meaningful. It reflected the good, decent people from various locales.

Like Brother Hargrave, I served within the United States Army. My assignments were at Fort Dix, N.J., and Fort Benning, Ga., 1955-1957.

While at one of the military installations, I had a personal wallet stolen from me. Many years later, long after my discharge, and while serving as professor of speech communication at Colorado State University, I received a package in the mail.

The package contained my once-stolen wallet. It was found by a civilian construction crew, while tearing down



my old barracks. Much time and effort were taken to locate me in Colorado.

It's nice to know of so many honest, caring people within our wonderful United States! Fraternally,

DR. ROBERT K. MACLAUGHLIN
Massachusetts '54
Professor Emeritus,
Colorado State



From right, Resident Scholar Taylor Buck, '06, and his Tennessee Alpha brothers Matt Yatsula, '12, Chris Sherry, '15, and Ted Robbins, '15, are just a few residents enjoying their newly renovated chapter house.

Chapter president grateful for return to Tennessee house

Journal,

Today I received the *SigEp Journal*, which included an article about the newly renovated Tennessee Alpha Chapter house. I heard that there would be something about the house renovation in the magazine, and I highly anticipated it so that other SigEps across the country could see what has become our pride and joy. It was a very well written article and made me very proud.

The article, while very good, was too short to express the hard work that our alumni put into our chapter home. I was initiated the year the house was closed, and it was not open until my fall semester senior year. For my peers in the chapter who are now seniors and nearing graduation, the pinnacle of our undergraduate tenure was to see this house open.

As we carried out chapter meetings, the Ritual, and everything else needed to be a Fraternity, we always wished we had the house during our younger years in the chapter. So many brothers rose to the challenge to ensure we had the experience that they had while in college, and it has become one of the greatest blessings in my life. What Tennessee Alpha has is very special, and I'm glad it could be shared with my brothers at other schools. While I don't want any chapter to lose their home on campus, it truly brought us together in a special bond, and made us work harder to keep the fire of Sigma Phi Epsilon burning in east Tennessee.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to many alumni, and I want to say 'thank you' to every single one of them for helping keep our brotherhood alive. Being the chapter president during the renovations was a special gift that brought me closer to my alumni brothers and allowed me to work alongside and share in our brotherhood with them. This article, this facility, this Fraternity, and especially my brothers who worked just as hard as I did, make me extremely proud to be a brother in Sigma Phi Epsilon.



A proud group of Tennessee undergraduates and alumni pose in front of the renovated house.

MATT YATSULA
Tennessee '12

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SigEp online is all new!

Visit SigEp's website, and you're sure to notice some changes. The site, www.sigep.org, has been completely upgraded.

Here's what you will see:

Fast access to your own profile. In two minutes, you can log in at the top right of the home page, establish your profile with your most up-to-date information and determine your e-mail preferences so you can opt in or out of specific interest areas.

Easier navigation. You can click on nearly every subject from the home page, either from the tabs or dropdown menus. Not sure where to start? Try one of our red audience tabs at the top of the page to give you some ideas.

A clean, modern design. The new design incorporates more photos, graphics, quotes and videos and has the flexibility we need to keep it fresh.

Our Social Media Hub. This single page is your one-stop shop for SigEp's social media presence. It includes our Facebook feed, Twitter feed and mentions, promoted hashtags, blogs and more. If it's happening online, it's happening at SigEp's Social Media Hub.

Improved content. Every single page on the site has been reviewed and revised to reflect the latest information, program-ming and resources for you.

New areas for your news. Two areas of the site allow you to submit information about your chapter, yourself or others. Your News has a simple submission form, and news will be posted within two business days. In Memoriam allows you to post remembrances and/or obituary notices for brothers who have passed away.

Take a look around the new SigEp site. We will be updating news, resources and features regularly, so go back often to get the latest happenings and contacts from SigEp.



Website launch comments from Facebook and Twitter:

www.facebook.com/sigmaphiepsilon

Danny Schoenberg: I think it came out awesome, you guys are doing a GREAT job keeping up with the current ever-changing modern times!

Ryan Rabac: The new site is really clean looking and organized well. You can really see the bold emphasis on the Balanced Man Program in the new design. The social media hub is a great idea.

Craig Williams: I don't know if it's new or not, but the ability to set up a recurring donation to the Foundation is a definite plus. Now I can just budget what I want to give and allow it to be charged to my credit card monthly. If it's new...great. If not, then I am glad I found it.

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Bryan Gunst @Bgunst: Love how easy it is to see and find all of the updated resources. Just had to scroll down #SigEpSiteLaunch

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Red Door Notes

The red door on SigEp chapter houses started at Syracuse University in 1928. While not the only factor in a high-performing chapter, well-appointed chapter facilities establish the foundation for creating the right experience through efforts like the Balanced Man Program and Residential Learning Communities.

Michigan Chapter celebrates 100 years at new home

By **JERRY MANGONA**, Michigan '01

With its founding at the University of Michigan in 1912, the Michigan Alpha Chapter celebrates its centennial this year with a new chapter house and a once-in-a-lifetime gala and reunion. Over a decade in the making, the chapter has found a permanent home in a 15,560 sq. ft. building which—since its construction in 1891—served as the Memorial Christian Church at the northwest corner of Hill and Tappan streets.

The road to this accomplishment begins with a farewell. Typical of many of the oldest chapters, the homes and locations were notable and dear to the hearts of alumni. During the social turmoil of the '80s and '90s, many parts of the Fraternity world suffered from destructive behavior and a lack of fiscal attention. From 1937-1994, the chapter resided in a prominent location on the northeast corner of Hill and State streets, but saddled by debt, negative cash-flow, and a vacant property, the local alumni executed a contract to sell the chapter house to the university. Prior to closing, fire destroyed the house on September 16, 1995. After agreeing to the sale of the house “as is,” the university demolished the building, and that premier site is now the home of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy.

After recolonizing in 1999, the chapter continued to thrive, albeit without a permanent house. The chapter has recaptured the early prominence reflected by three Michigan alumni who served as Grand Presidents of the Fraternity, including **E. Reed Hunt, Michigan '19** (1942-1943); **J. Russell Pratt, Michigan '39** (1954-1955); and **Frank Ruck, Michigan '46** (1983-1985)—well known for his commitment to the Balanced Man Program and its Sound Mind and Sound Body ideals.

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The Michigan Chapter's new house was a church for more than 100 years. The main area where services were held has been cleared of a piano and pews to create an open, inviting living space.



Brothers called five different addresses home since 1998, constantly adjusting but maintaining top ranking status among the fraternities at Michigan. In addition to providing mentoring and organizational support for the chapter, the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation maintained the search to purchase a new site.

After years of perseverance, Michigan achieved two landmarks at the Orlando, Fla., Conclave in 2009.

First, the chapter won its first Buchanan Cup under the leadership of former AVC President **Peter Hasenkamp, Dartmouth '98**, and Past Chapter President **Rick Stepanovic, Michigan '12**.

Second, a small contingent of Michigan Alphas led by current AVC President **Jerry Mangona, '01**, and Stepanovic successfully lobbied for the resources and financial support of SigEp National Housing, LLC (SENH).

Several months later, working with local real estate agents, the AVC learned that the Memorial Christian Church was considering the sale of their property one block from the former Michigan Alpha chapter house and across the street from the newly constructed Ross School of Business. SENH, now a full partner in the project, visited the site and collaborated with the AVC to investigate the architec-

tural, financial and operational feasibility of the project. This effort resulted in three challenges to be addressed before closing the deal.

1. Architectural: The building was in the right size range for a 120-man chapter, but the floor plans needed to function for up to 45 beds in addition to the common spaces. The costs for renovating the 130-year-old structure needed to fit the budget. Fortunately, the architectural style of the building was not overly ecumenical, so the conversion from a church to a fraternity was aesthetically feasible.

2. Financial: The budget needed to support the debt service required for the total project costs—purchase, renovations, and soft costs. And the local alumni had to demonstrate the beginnings of a successful fundraising campaign to eventually provide \$1.3 million in equity in the project.

3. Operational: The AVC needed to obtain advance commitment from 44 brothers to lease bedrooms in the building. Special exception permits had to be procured from a hearing before the Ann Arbor City Planning Commission. They had to select a contractor and local architect and assure the right timing for ending the existing lease and occupying the new building.

After more than two years of due diligence and seven months of construction,

Michigan Alpha now has 44 tenants and one resident manager/graduate student advisor living in a stunning new home, and the chapter is on track to become a Residential Learning Community.

The library alone, formerly the church sanctuary, would be the envy of any school. With ornate trim and vaulted ceiling, the library will include study tables and comfortable furniture to help create a residential learning environment. The commercial kitchen, adjacent to the social and dining area in the lower level, is scheduled to be fully operational by the end of 2012. A professional, in-house chef, formerly a private chef to several NFL athletes in Florida, will manage the kitchen operation for the chapter.

The completion of this project is a crowning achievement for a strong SigEp chapter and its dedicated alumni. The timing coincides with the chapter's October 12-14 centennial celebration, for which over 300 alumni and family are expected as the *Journal* goes to press. The festivities include an informal Friday evening dinner and cocktails, a reception along with the Homecoming game against Illinois, and a formal centennial banquet and house dedication ceremony on Saturday night. The celebration ends on Sunday morning with a farewell alumni brunch. This is a fitting tribute for the dramatic new Michigan Alpha home to serve as the cornerstone for another 100 years of success.



The ornate details and trim work add visual appeal to the interior spaces.

Michigan Alpha Facts

Fall 2011 GPA: 3.34; ACA: 3.29

GPA rank among fraternities: 4/30

Intramural Champions: Record-breaking 25 championships on campus in chapter history, including 2003, 2005, 2008, 2010, 2011, and 2012

Varsity Athletes in: Football and tennis

Prominent alumni include:

Donald Graham, '55, founder of Graham Engineering, honorary co-chair of Michigan's "The Michigan Difference" fundraising campaign, whose lead gift launched the Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute at the University of Michigan.



Johnny Maulbetsch, 1916, All-American member of Michigan's varsity football team, head coach, basketball and football at Oklahoma A&M, and College Football Hall of Fame inductee.



Andrew Richner, '82, elected to Michigan House of Representatives in 1996, 1998, and 2000, partner at law firm Clark Hill PLC in Detroit, Mich., and elected to the University of Michigan Board of Regents, 2002 and 2010.



Michigan Alpha brothers moved into their new house in late August.

New Virginia Tech facility opens in January

By **WILLIAM THOMAS**, Virginia Tech '72

The new on-campus Virginia Tech Chapter house opens in January 2013. The house is the culmination of three years of facility design and construction, the evolution of a partnership with the university to finance the project, member development program plans and fundraising. With approximately 20,000 sq. ft., the house is situated on the campus nine-hole golf course property, taking the first of seventeen lots allocated by Virginia Tech for the expansion of the existing Greek housing community.

SigEp is the first Virginia Tech Greek organization to take advantage of the on-campus Greek housing partnership, known as Oak Lane Phase IV, offered by the university. The terms of this partnership between the university and a Greek organization are unique and potentially trend setting.

Virginia Tech provides the building lot, the infrastructure improvements for road access and utilities to the new house, two-thirds of the construction costs and residence room furniture. The fraternity or sorority provides one-third of the construction costs, the common area furniture, and has the opportunity to develop the architectural design of the new house.

Win-win partnership

This partnership between the university and the participating Greek organizations is truly a win-win proposition for all parties. Virginia Tech Director of Housing and Residence Life Dr. Eleanor Finger said, "We are charting a new course here at Virginia Tech that reflects tremendous university support for your organization and for our fraternity and sorority life as a whole on campus."

The new Virginia Kappa house sets a high bar of excellence for the other Greek organizations that will follow in building their on-campus house on the Phase IV property. The chapter house is designed for physical separation of the functional areas. The first floor provides a common area for a living-learning environment, an apartment for a house director and



The final touches to Virginia Tech's new chapter facility were being completed at press time. A nine-hole golf course adds to the view.

rooms for the resident scholar and chapter officers. The second floor serves strictly as residential space, and the basement floor offers an open social and recreation space. SigEp undergraduates and alumni, university staff and faculty, and parents will all be proud of the facility's living-learning space, which includes a chapter room/large class room with state-of-the-art multimedia equipment, a quiet study/faculty fellow office, a formal conference room/small classroom, and a library.

Design based on latest research

The chapter's fundraising campaign chairman, **John Lawson, Virginia Tech '75**, a board member and key benefactor of the university's Myers-Lawson School of Construction said, "They say dreams can come true, and we saw this actually happen. We researched how other fraternity and sorority housing is being built at other universities and developed our own unique model that combined the latest teaching and resident concepts with a timeless southern mansion look and feel."

This facility's beautiful design is intended to enhance member development programming to put the chapter on track for accreditation as a Sigma Phi Epsilon Residential Learning Community (RLC). The space creates an RLC environment that facilitates academics,



experiential learning, guest speakers, in-house classes and faculty involvement among other benefits. Moving into the new house this fall along with 35 undergraduate members are Resident Scholar, **Nick Warrington, Wright State '12**, and House Director/Virginia Tech RLC Coordinator **Chad Mandala, Florida State Renaissance**, a Virginia Tech residential learning coordinator for fraternity and sorority life.

Additionally, Katie Steuer, Virginia Tech career advisor, and Dr. Christine Fiori, director of professional and academic outreach in the Myers-Lawson School, have volunteered to serve as faculty fellows for the chapter.

Virginia Kappa operated in its first and only fraternity house for 43 years, a 100+-year-old former single family residence in the town of Blacksburg, Va. Now, through this innovative, rewarding partnership with Virginia Tech, Virginia Kappa has a fantastic new facility built to the highest standards that will be a showcase on campus for years to come.

East Carolina Chapter facility facelift goes well below the surface

By **PETER VARNEY**, Davidson '96

With the guidance and support of its devoted alumni, parents and volunteers, the North Carolina Kappa Chapter at East Carolina reclaimed its house at the corner of Summit and Fifth streets in Greenville, N.C., in May 2012. Like all the chapter's achievements since its charter reinstatement in April 2011, regaining the house meant putting hard work well ahead of celebration.

Organized by Parent and Volunteer Committee Member Carol Loyd, mother of Vice President of Communications **Chandler Loyd**, '15, and House Manager **Chuck Brown**, '83, the house workday drew about 80 undergraduate brothers, alumni, parents and volunteers, who spent a gorgeous spring day sprucing up the house last occupied by the chapter in fall 2010.

The committed crew rebuilt and restored a side porch, completely repainted the interior and built a stone pathway along the side of the house. Their landscaping projects included tree and hedge trimming and mulching flower beds.

Change from the inside out

In the 18 months since the house's front porch and brick sign last boasted Sigma Phi Epsilon letters, much about North



Chapter alumni representing four decades participated in East Carolina's workday. From left: Pat Young, '82, Ed Tew, '79, Matt Boykin, '79, Bob Weisenberger, '92, Kyle Bigley, '10, Chuck Brown, '83, Spencer Barrick, '11, Benjie Minton, '79, and Jason Dolan, '12.

Carolina Kappa had changed dramatically and for the better. Charter restoration in May 2011 meant enlightening chapter brothers on academics, conduct and character, implementation of the Balanced Man Program and sustained engagement with Headquarters staff as well as chapter alumni and volunteers.

Chapter alumni immediately stepped up to the plate, hosting a weekend-long executive committee retreat with Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (AVC) members and the district governor. They also held a chapter-wide Balanced Man Program workshop led by Director of Fraternity Operations **Andrew Lemens**, **Drake** '08. In January 2012, the AVC leaders, regional director and district governor led a retreat for the full chapter and launched its Parent and Volunteer Committee (PVC). The PVC includes a parent of at least one brother in each academic class, and is the only parents' group affiliated with one of the 16 Interfraternity Council (IFC) organizations at East Carolina.

Alumni and parents make the difference

In spring 2012, the chapter earned the highest academic average among IFC organizations at East Carolina and received the Chancellor's Cup for

top IFC athletic performance. Chapter President and 2011 Ruck Scholar **Price Enroughty**, '13, credited the chapter's accomplishments to the contributions of the chapter's volunteers and parents. "Their endless support and effort make me feel honored to be a part of such a strong brotherhood. Our AVC leaders and parents have been there for us every step of the way and are the most consistent people I have ever met. Without their efforts, North Carolina Kappa would not be where it is today."

At the 2012 Carlson Leadership Academy in Atlanta, the East Carolina Chapter received an Excelsior Cup for Volunteers, and Chuck Brown received the Volunteer of the Year Award for District 8, acknowledging the integral role of volunteers and parents in bringing about the chapter's turnaround.

In addition to support from parents and volunteers, the chapter has forged a strong partnership with the East Carolina Greek Life staff, particularly Director Keith Tingley, who dropped by the May house workday to thank parents and volunteers for their support.

"I have worked alongside Keith and our AVC to develop a plan for sustaining our momentum and to allow for a smooth transition between our current executive board and future leaders and officers," Enroughty explained. "Still having much room for improvement, we are excited for a bright future and are determined to leave this place better than we found it."

Undergraduates and parent volunteers rebuilt the side porch, removing the old wood and replacing it. This major improvement extended into the next day.

Tragos Quest to Greece: A lifelong educator learns from scholars both ancient and young

By **WILLIAM MALONEY**, Delaware '68

I was honored to participate in the 2012 Tragos Quest to Greece as a mentor. I've been a SigEp for 47 years, a professor for 36, and a SigEp volunteer for more than 30. I've served as faculty advisor and chapter counselor at Michigan, Maryland-College Park and Kentucky. I believe in SigEp and its mission and became a professor to work with students, in both class and extracurricular settings.

Some of my academic work has involved the study of values-based organizations. Strong values provide a rudder by which organizations and individuals steer themselves through life. SigEp's values of Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love provide that guidance for brothers. My goals in going to Greece were to study the Greek origins of our Fraternity, to engage in meaningful conversations with the undergraduate scholars and to recommit myself to the principles of our Fraternity.

What did I take away from my experience? First, the 16 undergraduate scholars (selected from 295 applicants) are outstanding balanced men in all aspects. Their resumes cover the spectrum: academics, athletics, philanthropy, service. Two even serve as student representatives on their university or state higher education governing boards. One, a rising pre-med senior with a 4.0 GPA, has shadowed doctors to explore different specialties and left Greece to participate in a study abroad program at Oxford. Another worked for Rolls Royce this summer on sophisticated engineering analysis of turbine blades.

Since the trip was "unplugged" (no cell phones or laptops) and we took daily, three-hour bus rides, we had ripe opportunities to engage in a meaningful dialogue. Each evening we held a discussion on various issues including Greek ideals and SigEp's values, Olympic ideals and sound body, the Ritual and

"I had not been through the Ritual since May 1968."

~ MALONEY



Tragos Quest to Greece mentors (from left) Shane McKee, Washington State Renaissance, Adam Seiber, Murray State '02, Archie Messersmith, Samford '99, and Chris Hester, Louisiana State '05, flank Professor William Maloney, Delaware '68, second from right, at the Temple of Apollo at Corinth.

its importance. A discussion about masculinity and what it means to be a Fraternity man was particularly enlightening as we wove in the values of virtue and diligence. We learned about each other by creating and sharing a personal life path, identifying the major events and influences on our lives. Throughout these conversations, I was struck by the undergraduates' depth of understanding and commitment to examining the issues.

While in Delphi, we conducted the rite of initiation for Renaissance Brother **Shane McKee** on a hillside overlooking a beautiful valley and, in the distance, the sea. Despite attending Carlson Leadership Academies and Conclaves, I had not been through the Ritual since May 1968. Typically our home chapters have multiple initiates. Initiating one person allowed us to focus on the Ritual instead of getting people through it. Thinking about the meaning and implications of the Oath of Obligation and the interpretation of the Ritual was very powerful. As the senior member present (by more than 30 years), I gave the Charge, which was new to me.

When I joined SigEp in the 1960s, it was a great social Fraternity; the Ritual was something you went through to

become a member. I gave little thought to its content and meaning. I encourage all members, both undergraduate and alumni, periodically to read the Oath of Obligation and the Charge and recommit themselves to what SigEp stands for. Participating in the Ritual and giving the Charge made me realize that SigEp is living up to the statement of founder **Carter Ashton Jenkins** that, "This Fraternity will be different."

The 2012 Tragos Quest to Greece is the highlight of my Fraternity experience. It was very rewarding in the land of Socrates to use the Socratic method to draw out these outstanding young men and learn how they viewed the world and the many issues facing them. I had become jaded by the superficial communication prevalent in today's world of social media. Interacting with these men outside of their normal world allowed me to understand the character and commitment of our student leaders and made me truly proud to call them Brother.



Learn more about the program at www.sigep.org/leadershipevents/quest

Member development is a means for academic success

By TYLER BOGGESE, Drake '10, Chapter Services Director-East

Some may believe that personal academic success is achieved, in part, by not putting too much time into extracurricular activities, like SigEp. Chapters are careful not to schedule too many programs so brothers have enough time and energy to maintain a good GPA and eventually get a good job.

Chapters should enable academic success, and SigEp programming and academic achievements don't need to compete. Indeed, that's why our emphasis on beating the all-campus average is so crucial. It's one of the best ways to demonstrate that the SigEp experience enables brothers to perform better academically than if they were not members of SigEp.

The best SigEp chapters work to create a culture of academic focus and success, driven by the integration of academic support into member development. Imagine what can happen when we put less emphasis on memorization of random facts or insignificant tasks, and more emphasis on preparing for success inside the classroom. Think about the possibilities if we cut out the less practical elements of our development programs, and replaced them with skills and steps that our brothers will use to get more out of school.

Chapters can accomplish this integration in multiple ways. Establish a program or challenge requirement where members have to meet with three of

their professors in person. Incorporate your faculty fellow by asking him or her to speak to brothers on time management. Have mentors meet with their mentees to identify three new study skills and effective habits in college. Reward and recognize brothers for success in the classroom. Start a "fantasy academics" league, and have teams of brothers compete for the highest GPA each semester. Have mentors advise mentees on their class schedule each semester to ensure they are taking the best classes. The possibilities go on.

Let's put the misconception to rest: Academic success is achieved through SigEp, not in spite of it.



Check out the Dubach Dean's list online



The Fall 2011 Dubach Dean's list of all 126

SigEp chapters with a GPA above the all-campus average is available online at www.sigep.org/academics/dubach.html. This listing is shared through the Sound Bite, our undergraduate e-newsletter.



SigEp's GPA Top 25

SigEp honors these top 25 schools that have established a high bar for academic achievement for fall 2011. Congratulate them and emulate them!

RANK	SCHOOL	FALL '11 GPA	MANPOWER
1	Stanford	3.66	35
2	Yale	3.65	105
3	Georgetown	3.58	71
4	NYU	3.57	51
5	American	3.55	61
6	St. John's	3.53	33
7	Cornell	3.51	70
8	Chicago	3.51	40
9	Washington in St. Louis	3.50	101
10	Alaska-Fairbanks	3.50	11
11	Columbia	3.48	58
12	Nebraska RLC	3.47	124
13	Southern Methodist RLC	3.46	114
14	Montana State RLC	3.46	31
15	Pennsylvania	3.45	27
16	Duke	3.44	67
17	Dartmouth	3.43	99
18	Davidson	3.41	71
19	Washington	3.41	67
20	Miami (Florida)	3.39	81
21	Georgia RLC	3.39	117
22	Minnesota RLC	3.38	80
23	Rochester	3.37	53
24	Illinois RLC	3.36	186
25	Ohio State RLC	3.36	128

SEC chapters are in *italics*
RLC-Residential Learning Community

25 exceed all-campus average by .25 or more

	CHAPTER	FALL '11 GPA	ACA	ABOVE ACA	2011 MANPOWER
1	Central Arkansas	3.35	2.77	0.58	92
2	Stetson	2.94	2.41	0.53	36
3	Montana State RLC	3.46	2.98	0.48	31
4	Toledo RLC	3.27	2.8	0.47	95
5	St. John's	3.53	3.07	0.46	33
6	Nebraska RLC	3.47	3.03	0.44	124
7	Maine RLC	3.34	2.91	0.43	72
8	Arkansas Tech	3.14	2.75	0.39	48
9	American	3.55	3.17	0.38	61
10	San Diego State RLC	3.21	2.84	0.37	140
11	St. Joseph's	3.20	2.83	0.37	48
12	Georgia Southern	3.09	2.72	0.37	43
13	Murray State	3.25	2.89	0.36	67
14	Memphis RLC	3.13	2.77	0.36	59
15	Emporia State	3.11	2.75	0.36	16
16	Alabama	3.33	3.01	0.32	55
17	Barton	3.14	2.83	0.31	31
18	Southern Mississippi	2.92	2.61	0.31	60
19	Oregon State RLC	3.23	2.94	0.29	91
20	Wichita State	3.19	2.9	0.29	62
21	Cincinnati RLC	3.31	3.03	0.28	97
22	South Dakota State	3.32	3.04	0.28	35
23	Southern Methodist RLC	3.46	3.19	0.27	114
24	Western Kentucky	2.98	2.71	0.27	36
25	Randolph - Macon	2.92	2.67	0.25	27

SEC chapters are in *italics*
RLC-Residential Learning Community

Doing the math, FALL 2011*

3.10 All-Member GPA (232 chapters reporting)

3.21 All-RLC Member GPA (48 chapters reporting)

3.11 All-BMP Member GPA (198 chapters reporting)

3.09 All-Pledging Model Member GPA (34 chapters reporting)

52 of 206 chapters reporting are #1 on campus (25 percent)

14 chapters are below 2.6

126 of 198 chapters reporting all-campus average were above it

* All GPAs are to the nearest hundredth of a point

Top 5

chapters in each SigEp region

Region 1

6 out of 10 schools
above ACA, Region
GPA of 3.34

REGION ONE CHAPTERS

	GPA	ABOVE ACA	RANK ON CAMPUS	MAN-POWER
St. John's	3.53	0.46	1/13	33
Maine RLC	3.34	0.43	1/18	72
Clarkson	3.05	0.13	2/8	37
Syracuse	3.21	0.07	N/A	79
Canisius	3.12	0.06	N/A	32

Region 2

12 of 20 schools
above ACA, Region
GPA of 3.17

REGION TWO CHAPTERS

	GPA	ABOVE ACA	RANK ON CAMPUS	MAN-POWER
St. Joseph's	3.20	0.37	1/4	48
West Chester	3.31	0.24	1/7	51
Rutgers	3.14	0.15	7/44	62
Johns Hopkins	3.32	0.13	6/11	79
Stevens Tech RLC	3.27	0.12	2/9	86

Region 3

12 of 17 schools
above ACA, Region
GPA of 3.16

REGION THREE CHAPTERS

	GPA	ABOVE ACA	RANK ON CAMPUS	MAN-POWER
American	3.55	0.38	1/12	61
Barton	3.14	0.31	1/3	31
Randolph-Macon	2.92	0.25	1/7	27
Christopher Newport	3.18	0.24	1/5	53
Davidson	3.41	0.2	1/7	71

Region 4

8 of 17 schools
above ACA; Region
GPA of 3.03

REGION FOUR CHAPTERS

	GPA	ABOVE ACA	RANK ON CAMPUS	MAN-POWER
Stetson	2.94	0.53	3/5	36
Georgia Southern	3.09	0.37	1/14	43
Jacksonville State	2.74	0.2	1/9	21
Georgia RLC	3.39	0.19	4/25	117
Miami (Florida)	3.39	0.11	2/12	81
Huntingdon	2.83	0.11	2/4	28

Region 5

12 of 19 schools
above ACA, Region
GPA of 3.10

REGION FIVE CHAPTERS

	GPA	ABOVE ACA	RANK ON CAMPUS	MAN-POWER
Toledo RLC	3.27	0.47	1/16	95
Cincinnati RLC	3.31	0.28	1/18	97
Ohio State RLC	3.36	0.23	2/36	128
Dayton	3.00	0.2	5/10	86
Western Michigan	3.09	0.14	2/12	39

Region 6

9 of 19 schools
above ACA, Region
GPA of 2.87

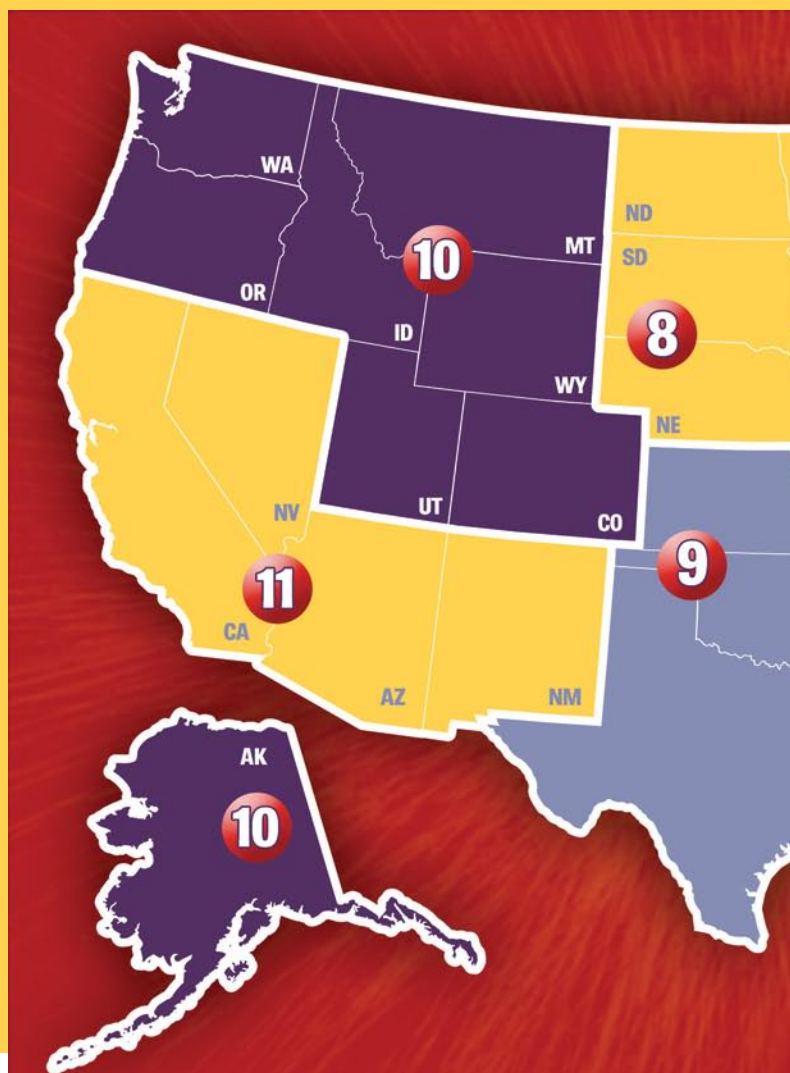
REGION SIX CHAPTERS

	GPA	ABOVE ACA	RANK ON CAMPUS	MAN-POWER
Arkansas Tech	3.14	0.39	1/6	48
Murray State	3.25	0.36	2/13	67
Memphis RLC	3.13	0.36	3/9	59
Southern Mississippi	2.92	0.31	2/13	60
Western Kentucky	2.98	0.27	3/19	36

Starting in the Spring 2011 *Journal*, SigEp began recognizing every chapter that achieves a GPA above their all-campus average. This aligns with our strategic plan, which calls for every chapter to be above this benchmark. For the Fall 2011 semester, 126 of 198 chapters reporting hit this mark. Chapters are grouped based on their region of the country. The top five chapters in each region, ranked based on how much they exceed their ACA, are listed here.

The complete Dubach Dean's List of chapters above their ACA is available online at www.sigep.org/academics/dubach.html.

All data reflects the Fall 2011 semester.



Athletic

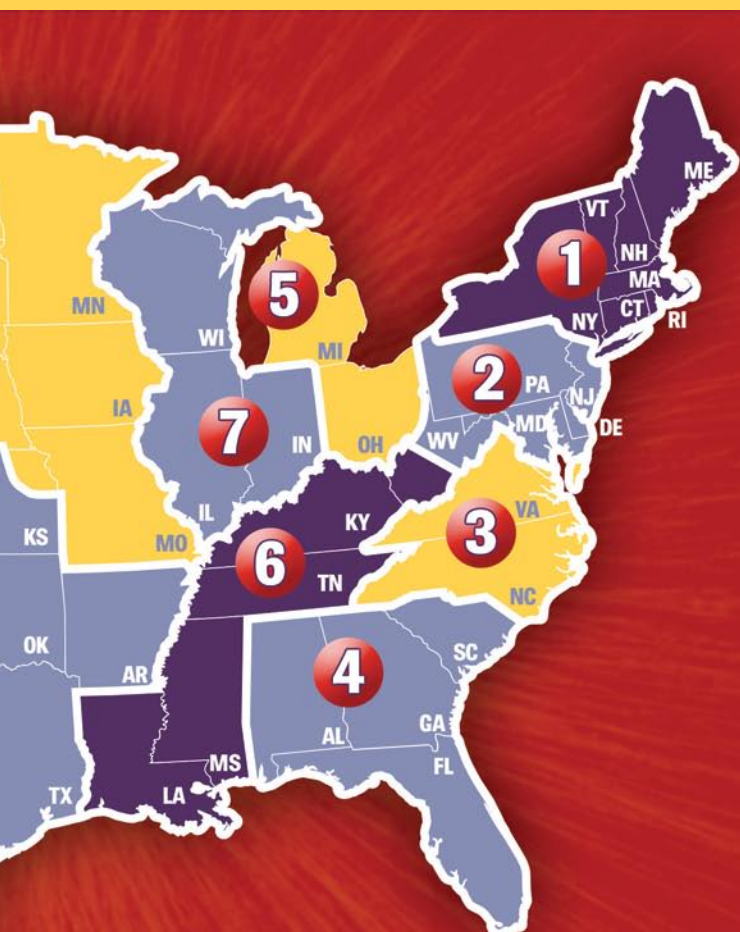
Conference breakdown

This graph pits different athletic conferences against each other. It displays which conferences are contributing the strongest grades and highest manpower across the country. We also recognize the school in each conference that has the highest overall GPA and which is highest above their ACA.

Many schools have switched athletic conferences over the last year. These groupings are based on the 2011-12 basketball season.

Conference	# of Schools	Conference GPA	Total Manpower	Highest above ACA	Highest GPA
Ivy	5	3.52	359	Pennsylvania	Yale
University Athletic	7	3.40	406	Carnegie Mellon*	NYU
Patriot League	3	3.34	216	American	American
Big Ten	10	3.27	1154	Nebraska*	Nebraska*
Pacific 12	9	3.24	637	Oregon State*	Stanford
Southern	4	3.22	210	Georgia Southern	Davidson
Atlantic 10	7	3.18	449	Dayton	St. Louis
Big East	11	3.18	640	St. John's	Georgetown
ACC	11	3.17	664	Miami (Florida)	Duke
Mountain West	5	3.13	440	San Diego State*	Texas Christian*
Conference USA	5	3.10	339	Memphis*	Southern Methodist*
Big 12	11	3.08	1327	Texas	Kansas State
Missouri Valley	9	3.07	641	Wichita State	Drake*
Colonial	8	3.05	432	Old Dominion	William and Mary
Mid-American	6	3.00	418	Toledo*	Toledo*
Big Sky	4	2.99	145	Montana State*	Montana State*
SEC	9	2.99	922	Alabama	Georgia*
Southland	4	2.96	203	Central Arkansas	Central Arkansas
Ohio Valley	7	2.93	454	Murray State	Murray State
Big West	6	2.89	338	California – Riverside	California - Irvine
Sun Belt	4	2.80	198	Western Kentucky	Florida International

* denotes RLC



REGION SEVEN CHAPTERS

	GPA	ABOVE ACA	RANK ON CAMPUS	MAN-POWER
Monmouth RLC	3.06	0.24	1/5	38
Illinois RLC	3.36	0.23	1/45	186
Indiana RLC	3.35	0.23	3/39	107
DePaul	3.33	0.19	2/7	19
Michigan Tech	2.99	0.18	2/13	38

Region 7

12 of 21 schools above ACA, Region GPA of 3.09

REGION EIGHT CHAPTERS

	GPA	ABOVE ACA	RANK ON CAMPUS	MAN-POWER
Nebraska RLC	3.47	0.44	1/26	124
South Dakota State	3.32	0.28	1/6	35
Minnesota RLC	3.38	0.24	1/25	80
North Dakota RLC	3.19	0.22	2/12	49
Kansas State RLC	3.12	0.2	7/25	101
Nebraska-Kearney	3.07	0.2	2/6	65

Region 8

14 of 22 schools above ACA, Region GPA of 3.14

REGION NINE CHAPTERS

	GPA	ABOVE ACA	RANK ON CAMPUS	MAN-POWER
Central Arkansas	3.35	0.58	1/7	92
Emporia State	3.11	0.36	1/6	16
Wichita State	3.19	0.29	2/6	62
Southern	3.46	0.27	1/10	114
Methodist RLC	3.20	0.15	3/19	201

Region 9

14 of 17 schools above GPA, Region GPA of 3.08

REGION TEN CHAPTERS

	GPA	ABOVE ACA	RANK ON CAMPUS	MAN-POWER
Montana State RLC	3.46	0.48	1/10	31
Oregon State RLC	3.23	0.29	1/22	91
Washington	3.41	0.20	2/32	67
Washington State RLC	3.20	0.20	1/6	87
Colorado State	3.04	0.20	5/19	71

Region 10

7 of 11 schools above GPA, Region GPA of 3.10

REGION ELEVEN CHAPTERS

	GPA	ABOVE ACA	RANK ON CAMPUS	MAN-POWER
San Diego State RLC	3.21	0.37	1/11	140
California-Riverside	3.00	0.21	1/9	44
Fresno State	3.09	0.20	1/13	56
Southern California	3.33	0.16	1/23	68
California-Irvine	3.11	0.13	2/21	66

Region 11

13 of 18 schools above ACA, Region GPA of 3.09



Check out varsity athletes online

View a list of varsity athletes at chapters across the nation at www.sigep.org/varsityathletes.

Multi-sport athlete runs on all cylinders

By MATT SMITH, Drake '12

Francis Garcia, Stevens Tech '13, has applied his “never-stop” mindset to nearly everything he does. He has to. Garcia is an electrical engineering major with above a 3.6 GPA. Outside of the classroom, he’s been a leader on his track and cross country teams, and he’s even spent time with the fencing team, and he’s active in SigEp.

“There’ve been many times when I’ve thought to myself that I should quit running or I should stop being so involved with my chapter,” Garcia said. “But where would that leave me? Nowhere.” This honesty is what

keeps him motivated.

He has to stay focused with a rigorous training schedule of morning runs and conditioning workouts for both track and cross country. “At the end of the day, whatever I accomplished on my run is due to me making it happen,” he said. “Being part of a team is great, but there isn’t a feeling quite like doing something entirely through your own strength and power.” And while fencing was not as demanding physically as his other sports, Garcia admits it is demanding in other ways. “The sport of fencing is a lot more technical than



Francis Garcia, Stevens Tech '13

distance running, and at times it can be a lot more mentally strenuous.”

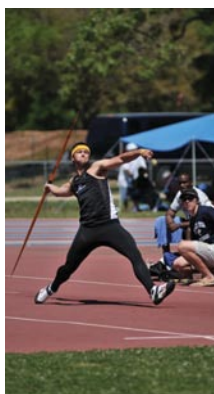
Garcia chose to be active in the chapter on top of his athletic and academic commitments. He’s held positions on his chapter’s standards board, as its sigma coordinator, and as its Balanced Man Scholarship chair.

Many of his brothers wonder what would happen if Garcia were on the executive board. “One of my brothers joked that if I ever held a VP position and focused on one part of the house, everything else would fall apart because there would suddenly be a million positions to fill,” Garcia said.

He sees his involvement as a personal investment in the chapter. “At the end of the day,” he said, “the best part of being so involved is seeing all the things you have accomplished exist as self-sustaining entities whether it’s a sports team or SigEp,” he said.

Garcia credits his success to being surrounded by so many older brothers who were successful. The Ritual of Sigma Phi Epsilon keeps him grounded and as he puts it, “helps me remember what’s truly important in life.” His hope is that the younger brothers in his chapter notice his involvement and are inspired to do the same. He knows it’s possible, “because if I can do it, anyone can do it.”

“The way I see it,” he said, “there’s always going to be work to do, whether it’s for my team or my Fraternity, and I’m going to keep on doing work for the benefit of both.”



Smith, a sports management major, stays on point with his impressive javelin throws, a 3.62 GPA and never-give-up attitude.

Injuries don’t slow javelin thrower

By MATT SMITH, Drake '12

Kyle Smith, Southern Mississippi '12, knows his priorities. “My parents got through to me at an early age to stay on top of academics so you don’t have trouble keeping up,” Smith said. And without having to worry about his grades, Smith can focus his time on his sport, the javelin, and his Fraternity, SigEp.

Smith’s 3.62 GPA wasn’t as much an accomplishment for him as it was a necessity. “You have to have grades to be an athlete and you have to have grades to be a SigEp,” he said. “And I’ve got a great support team in both.”

Without this support he probably wouldn’t hold the record for javelin at Southern Mississippi. During his junior year he threw a whopping 238’1” at the Tiger Track Classic. That was also the second year he was named an Academic All-American.

Among his other accomplishments are a fifth place finish at the USA Track and Field Junior Championships his freshman year, first place finishes at the Tiger Track Classic and the Alabama Relays his sophomore year, and the Conference USA title his junior year.

His hard work in the classroom is matched by a never-give-up attitude on the field. In January 2012, Smith tore his meniscus forcing him to sit out for three months. And that May, he tore the ulner collateral liga-

ment in his right elbow—his throwing elbow.

“As soon as SigEps found out, they were there to support me,” Smith said. “I don’t know what I would’ve done without them there pushing me through and supporting me.”

Smith could’ve called it quits. He graduated in May with a bachelor’s degree in sports management and a surgery scheduled for his elbow in June. But instead of giving up, Smith entered graduate school.

“I plan on taking a medical red-shirt this upcoming season, and I’m applying for a sixth year of eligibility to compete in the 2014 season,” Smith said.

In between studying and rehabilitation for his elbow, you can find Smith spending time with his SigEp brothers. “My closest friends are still active,” he said. “I’m not as distant as everyone else who graduated.” Smith is especially eager to help his home chapter with recruitment. “I told them I’m here to meet with anybody I can relate to,” he said.

He’ll tell them balancing grades, athletics, and SigEp can be tough. “You really have to learn time management, you constantly improve on it,” Smith said. And Smith has learned it well.

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9 Tips for Long Drives

Here are some tips to prepare for long drives before you get behind the wheel — and to stay alert and energized throughout your trip.

1. Stock your sleep time.

Think about exhaustion before you begin your journey, not after. Get at least seven hours of sleep for two consecutive nights before the trip to build up your energy reserves. "Also, try to avoid driving between 1 and 3 p.m., when the body's temperature is lower and people are naturally drowsy," says Dr. Michael Breus, a.k.a. "The Sleep Doctor."

2. Fuel up. This time, we mean fuel for you, not your car. Carrying along a variety of vitamin-packed, healthy foods will allow you to get by on smaller snacks throughout the drive, while skipping the fast-food stops. "To stay alert, carrots and almonds are my favorite," says blogger and travel expert Gretchen Breuner from TheRoadScholarz.com.

3. Stay hydrated. Keep the water supply well-stocked for maximum energy. "A possible downside of this, of course, is that you'll need to make more bathroom stops," says Breuner, who traveled to 19 states with her family in an RV in three months.

4. Plan your stops. Get out and stretch your legs every two hours or so, our experts suggest. Plan these stops into your drive, whether they fall at mealtimes or timed to let you view interesting places.

5. Chew gum. The repetitive process increases circulation and alertness. "You don't need the sugary kind to get the desired effect," says Breus, who is a fellow of The American Academy of Sleep Medicine and author of Good Night: The Sleep Doctor's 4-Week Program to Better Sleep and Better Health.

6. Use good scents. Breus also recommends keeping a source of peppermint scent nearby. When you feel you need a boost, take a sniff. "It's a pleasant, all-natural pick-me-up that has been shown to reduce fatigue and increase alertness," he says.

7. Sit up straight. Make sure your seat is adjusted properly for your body, tilted for maximum blood flow. If you feel a driving "trance" coming on, sit up. "Take a deep breath and scan your body for tension," says yoga teacher and wellness specialist Elaine Masters, of DrivetimeYoga.com. "If your right hip is feeling sore, for example, lean to the other side."

8. Keep passengers entertained. Long drives — especially with kids — can often lead to bickering. That kind of aggravation leads to driver fatigue. So make sure children are entertained with books, puzzles and other time-killing diversions. On the flip side, games such as "find the license plate" are great for keeping everyone engaged with one another.

9. Treat yourself to some sounds. Books on tape help keep the brain active, without creating a dangerous distraction. Breus recommends listening to humorous books or even comedy CDs. "Laughing," he says, "will keep you awake."



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Chapter News

Georgia SigEps raise over \$50,000 on East Coast bike trek

By JOHN KOWALSKI, Virginia Commonwealth '12

Last spring, two SigEps from Georgia were preparing to embark on a 1,400 mile bike trip along the East Coast during summer break. With determination and a lofty goal, Zach Jones, '13, and Luke Mosley, '12, set out on the adventure.

The trip was an effort to raise money for the Rally Foundation, a non-profit organization founded to support childhood cancer research. In less than two months, Jones and Mosley raised nearly \$51,000, topping an ambitious goal of \$50,000.

They stopped in many cities including Charlotte, N.C.; Richmond, Va.; Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia and New York, visiting hospitals, families and children battling cancer.

In each city, a different family played host to them, some of whom had lost kids to cancer. "Hanging out with all the families was a huge blessing. It was so cool to sit around the dinner table and listen to their stories," Jones said.

Many of the donations they received were from people with sparked curiosity. "Folks just on the street would donate," said Jones. "We would stop at gas stations to get snacks and refuel, and people came over and talked to us and asked about what we were doing and made donations on the spot."

The experience was eye opening for them. In visiting the hospitals and health care facilities, the two realized the effect private support has on the research and work done by the doctors.

"I was blown away. I had no idea how much [the doctors] rely on private



The brothers celebrate their final ride from Athens to Atlanta, Ga. From left, Hannah Dahm (Jones' fiancée), Zach Jones, '13, Rally Kids Nolan and Lindsay, Luke Mosley, '12, and Ryan Gaffney.

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others." ~ MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO

support," said Jones. "Private grants and donations is a huge way these doctors continue the research to fight this battle of childhood cancer. There's limited government funding because most of it goes to adult cancer research."

Jones relates the experience to diligence. The two woke up early every day and battled muscle cramps, heat, hills, blown tires, angry drivers and anything else the day would throw at them. They taped maps from Google to their handlebars and used them as their sole guide for navigation. But Google's bike directions are only in the Beta version, so they were a bit unreliable. "Sometimes

they worked, sometimes they were way off track," said Jones.

Mosley is at Vanderbilt for medical school, and Jones is graduating in May. Jones is also taking the LSAT in October in his journey to attend law school. The two joined SigEp at the same time and went through the Sigma challenge together. Jones is set to be married in June, and Mosley is one of the groomsmen.

"Riding with him every day and enjoying the experience...that's the bond the Fraternity gave us. I don't see it happening outside of a place like SigEp," said Jones.

"I don't know if we would have had this idea had SigEp not pushed us to think



A Rally family was invited to meet the team that would be riding to raise money for the much needed research. From left, Mosley, Rally Kid Sarah, and Jones.



Top: The riders head from Chestnut Ridge, N.Y., into Manhattan. Bottom: Rally riders (red shirts) awarded cancer researcher Dr. Jonathan Gill (center) a \$40,000 grant for his work with solid tumor research.

outside the box and push ourselves to be better," said Jones. "They challenge us to want more out of our college experience."

The service-oriented cyclists also received a great deal of support from their chapter brothers. When they returned to Athens, Ga., most people in the crowd to welcome them back were SigEps. "It was so cool that even though it was summer and a lot of guys were not in town, they showed up to support us," said Jones.

Michigan brother and his football team get a dose of Navy SEALs training

By ALEX PROSPERI, Michigan '10

Charlie Zeller, Michigan '13, is a proud member of the University of Michigan varsity football team. Zeller, a safety, walked onto the team in 2010 and was a part of the 2011 team that won the Sugar Bowl, beating Virginia Tech 23-20.

This past May, Zeller was one of 22 seniors to participate in the Senior Leadership Trip organized by Michigan Head Coach Brady Hoke. The most extreme part of the trip was a four-hour training session with the Navy SEALs at Naval Amphibious Base Coronado in Coronado, Calif.

Zeller said the anticipation leading up to the Navy SEALs training session was like driving to Michigan Stadium for a football game—silent.

The seniors were put through rigorous and daunting physical and mental exercises, including running one mile through sand

to their classroom, learning SEAL values and training methods, and the most difficult of all—splitting into teams of six and performing various exercises carrying a 250-pound log.

Zeller was able to find direct connections from his Navy SEAL training to SigEp's cardinal principles, Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love.

Virtue: "By committing to the training, we—as seniors—showed that we are all passionate about a goal bigger than anything we could accomplish individually. We knew that the training wasn't going to be fun, but we were there to build leadership skills to take back to Ann Arbor and pass on to our younger teammates so we could improve as one unit."

Diligence: "If any one of us stopped listening to commands for just one second and

missed a direction, you cost the entire team 20 on-command push-ups. We had to be on point 100 percent of the time to make sure we weren't letting the team down."

Brotherly Love: "During training, we truly learned the importance of teamwork. When we were carrying the 250-pound logs and you wanted nothing more than to let go and take a break, you had to look to your side and realize that those were your brothers, and that you weren't enduring pain for yourself, but rather for them."

AVC President Jerry Mangona, '01, agreed and added, "We are working to phase in a Sound Body requirement to all phases of the Balanced Man Program. I'm very excited about an inspiring meeting with Sound Body chairs Zach Petroni, '13, and Matt Lyon, '13."

"We all stand

so much to gain from pushing the boundaries of our physical limits," said Mangona. "Whether that's stringing together your first three-mile run or enduring elite levels of physical challenge is irrelevant. Brother [Frank J.] Ruck's genius was in teaching that a Sound Mind and a Sound Body mutually reinforce and improve each other."

Zeller's biggest takeaway from the Navy SEALs training was realizing his own mental strength capacity. "At times I was exhausted and just wanted for it to be over, but I kept their advice in mind and fought through the pain, realizing that it was only temporary. I definitely have a long way to go in my own 'mental training,' but the SEALs taught me that the key to success in anything in life is to be mentally strong."

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~ AVC PRESIDENT
JERRY MANGONA, '01



Football Player Charlie Zeller, Michigan '13, got a lesson in toughness from Navy SEAL training.

Brother turns to social media to help cure cystic fibrosis

By D. MICHAEL LAMB, Tulane '11

In a world of constant distraction, living a balanced life can be difficult to achieve. For some it comes naturally, and that is the case with my SigEp brother, Coby.

Jacob “Coby” Kramer-Golinkoff, Tulane '13, is one of the most remarkable and accomplished people I know. As a senior business management major and a member of Tulane's men's tennis team, his daily life is much different from the typical college student; however, what he does with his free time truly makes him an inspiration.

Within the past year, my SigEp brother has founded and successfully managed his own non-profit focused on raising money and awareness for the campaign to find a cure for the chronic and ultimately fatal disorder, cystic fibrosis. Named in honor of his sister suffering from the condition, the organization Emily's Entourage looked to utilize social circles like the Fraternity and the new wave of social media to help spread the word.

“We launched the campaign by emailing our closest friends and posting a video on Facebook and Twitter. We encouraged our network of friends to not only donate but to pass the message on,” Kramer-Golinkoff said. “We witnessed the message erupt.” In an age of social media dominance, he stimulated user



Coby and his sisters presented at a TED conference earlier this year about youth activism in the era of social media. They explained how they took an idea they formed in their living room and launched their organization, which has raised over \$200,000.

participation by encouraging friends and family to reply or re-tweet messages or events. “We also kicked off a campaign called ‘Where in the World is Emily’s Entourage?’ encouraging people to buy an EE shirt, take a picture of themselves in a goofy pose or iconic location and then post it on our page. This type of active

participation has been vital to our success.” That success translated to over \$200,000, the amount raised through Emily's Entourage so far.

Kramer-Golinkoff's success has not gone unnoticed, and this past spring he was recognized on Tulane's campus

brothers within the Tulane Chapter that pushed him to bring his ideas to fruition. “Knowing that I have an army of brothers in support of my cause was empowering,” he said. “The widespread commitment from the brotherhood was astounding. Much of the success is due to those guys.”

As he starts his senior year, Kramer-Golinkoff plans to build on the success EE has seen and looks to pass his charge on to anyone he can. “My sister does everything in her power to live a normal life; it seems ridiculous for me not to do everything in my power to help. Her spirit drives me.”



To find out more, visit emilysentourage.org. To see his TED talk, go to YouTube and search for Golinkoff.



The Philadelphia Eagles have shown great support for Emily's Entourage, which was honored on the field at a New Year's Day game. From left, Coby's sisters Julia and Emily, and Coby.

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~KRAMER-GOLINKOFF

as an up-and-coming leader for social change. He was recently asked to speak about Emily's Entourage at a national TEDx event. It was the influence of his



Davis visited an infusion center last year where cancer patients receive treatment. He is giving this little girl an activity packet in hopes of offering some fun and a distraction from the treatment she needs to receive.

Childhood cancer survivor helps kids battle the disease

By **DAVID WENZEL**, Cincinnati '06

Brad Davis, Loyola Marymount '14, who battled acute lymphoblastic leukemia in his teenage years, has used this life-changing experience to create positive change in the lives of others.

As a teenager going through chemotherapy, spinal taps and other painful procedures, he and his mother chose to create The BRAD Fund (Benefiting Research, Achieving Dreams) in 2007. They created this non-profit organization just weeks after his diagnosis, as he knew he was going to be alright (he had an 85 percent survival rating). Davis said, "I knew this was only the case because of the money raised before my time by others and their families in the past. I felt that it was my turn to give back and continue the tradition of donating so that one day, every child diagnosed with any form of cancer would be told they were going to be okay, and the ultimate dream

of cancer no longer existing."

Davis created the BRAD Fund to make sure all donations go toward cancer research, as well as, helping to brighten the lives of children while undergoing treatment at hospitals. The organization allocates part of the money to purchase stuffed animals, games and LeapFrog learning laptops for young children who are unable to attend school while undergoing treatment. "We not only want to focus on the technical aspect of cancer research for future generations, but we want to help and focus on those who currently have cancer and are fighting for their lives," Davis explained.

Davis' biggest life lesson to date is to rely on others to help you achieve your goals and dreams. He believes,

"We cannot make it through this world alone. Though we are all individuals who, in one way or another, have separate goals, dreams, and ambitions, we must rely on the love and support of each other to most likely achieve our individual goals." The brothers of California Chi support Davis and the BRAD Fund, and have raised awareness and several thousand dollars for the non-profit since he joined the chapter.

"The most important aspect of life is teamwork. Whether it is getting better while fighting cancer, getting over a heart break or dealing with a bad day at school or work, we all rely on those around us, those who we love, for the strength and support to keep on fighting until a better day."



For more information, you can visit www.bradfund.net.

Randolph Macon obtains charter

By **BRADFORD PLASHA**, Randolph Macon '12

Last spring, Randolph Macon brothers gathered in Washington-Franklin Hall, where the SEC holds chapter meetings. This gathering was different. After seven years of planning, the brothers were to receive their charter.

The chapter first met with alumni and invited guests to set goals for the next three years. With the Virginia Zeta charter in hand, the next item on the agenda is to become a Residential Learning Community. The chapter holds the highest GPA on campus among Greek organizations and plans to keep raising the bar.

Brothers also performed the Sigma Rite of Passage for the chapter's newest brothers in front of several alumni. **Dustin Baellow, '13**, said, "That was one of the coolest things that I have taken part in."

Meanwhile, the wives, girlfriends, Dean of Students and other invited guests attended the chapter history session. There, one spouse of an alumnus asked her husband, "When are you going to tell me what really happens behind those doors?" Though she can't observe the Ritual, the chapter strives to live out the values of the Ritual every day.



The banquet was the main event. Keynote speaker and former Grand President **Archie Yeatts, Richmond '64**, challenged everyone to face the giants in the chapter. AVC President **Burke Morton, '81**, was surprised with a Volunteer of the Year award at the banquet. The highlight came when Executive Director **Brian Warren, Virginia '04**, presented the charter amidst thunderous applause and blinding flashes from all the cameras in the crowd capturing the long-anticipated moment.

Finally, the brothers joined hands and sang the Anthem. **Bob Fitch, '69**, remarked, "I cannot believe that I still remember those words." Guest and Student Government President Robin Porucznik said, "It was a great experience to learn about the Fraternity's values as well as see the chapter come together and perform their anthem. I am glad I was able to be a part of this banquet."

Three chapter presidents intern together

By MATT SMITH, Drake '12

While at his school's career fair, Kyle Zibrowski, Iowa State '12, paid a visit to the Flint Hills Resources table. He knew that an internship at an oil refinery would be invaluable experience as part of his mechanical engineering degree. So he applied for the internship at Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery in Rosemount, Minn.

Zibrowski would make it to the final interview and find a common connection along the way. During a networking session with employees and current interns, he was overheard talking about his chapter by one of the other applicants in the room.

"Scott overheard me talking to another Iowa State Greek about things with our new house, and he approached me once the night was over," Zibrowski said. It was Scott Palmer, Minnesota '13, another mechanical engineering SigEp interviewing at the refinery. They began talking and soon realized they shared something else in common—both were chapter presidents.

"When I found out he was a president too, I felt an instant connection because I could relate to his story," Palmer said. Both were hired by Flint Hills. "When I found out that Kyle was also hired, I honestly was not surprised. I know that SigEp's leadership events and member development program are instrumental in shaping high-achieving students and impactful leaders."

On the first day of the internship program, the company took out the new hires for a day of ice breakers and fun to get them better acquainted with one another. "During our first intern event, I mentioned I was in a Fraternity called SigEp, which was when Eric perked up

"I have to admit it was pretty cool to discover this and just how far SigEps reach across the nation." ~ LINDHOLM



From left, SigEp brothers Eric Lindholm, Michigan Tech '12, Scott Palmer, Minnesota '13, and Kyle Zibrowski, Iowa State '12, figured out quickly that they were fellow SigEps all looking for a challenging hard-hat experience over the summer. Their intern group at Flint Hill Resources Pine Bend Refinery (below).

and shared his SigEp background," said Palmer.

"We started discussing what positions we held within our respective chapter and it just so happened we were all presidents," said Eric Lindholm, Michigan Tech '12. "I have to admit it was pretty cool to discover this and just how far SigEps reach across the nation."

Chapter experience helps on the job

All three agree they were able to thrive in their internships in part due to their prior experiences as SigEp chapter presidents. "One of the most important lessons I learned as chapter president was how to make confident decisions," Zibrowski said. Palmer added that being president especially helped while interviewing for the job. "I was able to draw on my experiences during the interviews to address almost any situation," said Palmer.

These lessons proved to be important when it came to their work at the refinery. Zibrowski worked as a reliability engineer with rotating equipment. His team is in charge of pumps, compres-

sors, turbines and blowers to name a few. "It's our job to make sure that things run smoothly," he said. "When you're talking about pieces of equipment that are rotating at a thousand rotations per minute in weather conditions that are not always ideal, it can be a challenge to keep the equipment operating properly."

Lindholm worked in the fixed reliability technical group. This summer he got the chance to work with all fixed equipment in the refinery like piping, hoses and heat exchangers. He even had the chance to help develop a new hose standard for use in the refinery. And Palmer's internship was as a project manager. His role was to manage a project from start to finish while managing available resources in order to meet the objectives and deadlines of the project.

Outside of work, the three shared stories and gave each other best practices about chapter life. "Since my chapter has been working on improving our member development," Lindholm said, "just having those additional resources from other chapters to bounce ideas off of and help improve my own chapter is great."



SigEp captures unrest in his native Morocco

By MITCH GOLDICH, Lehigh '09

Many SigEps have kept a careful eye on the political upheaval in the Middle East and North Africa over the past several years. Nadir Bouhmouch, San Diego State '13, kept a camera on it. Bouhmouch, a native Moroccan, returned to his home country last summer, collecting film for two new projects.

The fledgling filmmaker's first documentary, *"My Makhzen & Me,"* was released in February, to mark the one-year anniversary of the start of demonstrations in Morocco now known as the February 20th Movement. The film was screened in 18 cities across seven countries.

A double major in film and international security, Bouhmouch had planned on shooting an apolitical film last year, because the country's beautiful landscapes are well known. When his camera was confiscated by the government upon his arrival, the theme of his film quickly changed.

"That inspired me to shoot a film about one of the bureaucracies, the National Center of Cinema," he said. "They regulate all the films that are produced in Morocco, they grant permission for you to shoot, and anything against the government won't be allowed."



Bouhmouch and his cinematographer set up a shot for one of his documentaries. His latest project recounts the suicide of a 16-year-old rape victim who was forced to marry her abuser.

But the film evolved again when revolutions in Egypt and Tunisia helped jumpstart the February 20th Movement. Bouhmouch was discovering things he never knew about his country, and he wanted to share them with the world.

"Because I was wealthy growing up, I never saw things that poor people saw



Nadir Bouhmouch, San Diego State '13, is a budding filmmaker determined to make bold statements about the events occurring in Morocco. He has smuggled his camera into the country several times to capture uprisings and injustices.

every day," he explained. "I was lucky. I decided I wasn't going to shoot this movie about the National Center of Cinema, I was going to shoot about this movement."

The project could have come to a halt if his footage, which the government knew nothing about, had been confiscated as he exited the country. Bouhmouch smuggled the tape out in a carry-on bag, while he did his best to evade police suspicions.

The first movie was a bold statement with a tone of defiance. "Many filmmakers or artists in Morocco censor themselves," he said. "But I don't want to give out a moderate criticism. I want to go all out, prove what's really wrong and do it in a defiant way. It's the right time for change."

Bouhmouch smuggled his camera back into the country this summer for his latest project, about a 16-year-old rape victim, who committed suicide after the government forced her to marry her

abuser. The powerful film features interviews with the victim's family and the rapist's family. Bouhmouch even spoke to the rapist, though he elected not to be shown on camera.

Bouhmouch has also founded the Guerrilla Cinema Collective, which he describes as, "A call for filmmakers to make films in Morocco without government authorization." He likens it to guerrilla warfare, where the fighters are armed with cameras as their weapons.

He also collected footage on his most recent trip for a documentary about the difficulties of filming in Morocco. He wants to show not just the injustices going on in the country, but the obstacles imposed on those trying to shed light on them.

Bouhmouch knows that may be making it difficult for him to ever live and work in his native country, but he has no plans to stop.

"People have to take risks to be able to make any change," he said. "Unfortunately it can be to my detriment, but I'm willing to do that."

He will release his second film in January 2013.

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**A Century of
SigEp Servicemen:**

Brothers serve our country and protect our freedom

Rodney L. Swift, Syracuse '40, Cadet First Lieutenant in the Syracuse Corps, ROTC, pictured in the February 1940 issue of the *Journal*. Soon after, hundreds of thousands of servicemen would deploy overseas.



For over 100 years, SigEps have fought in wars and protected American freedoms. In this issue of the *Journal*, we honor them by looking at the impact of war on the Fraternity's history, learning more about notable soldiers and military leaders, and seeing how today's military brothers find each other in military outposts and on social media sites. Common among these stories is the connection between the honor of military service and the values embraced by the Fraternity. SigEp Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, and Guardsmen find a familiar home in both worlds. And when they come together, brotherhood prevails. We cannot begin to capture the full scope of impact SigEp brothers have had on military service in more than a century. This series attempts to give *Journal* readers a cross-section of contributions from our brothers in arms.

The *SigEp Journal* would like to thank Renato Villacorte, CalPoly-Pomona '91, for serving as a guest editor of this special section.



Sigma Phi Epsilon and War

What happened at home when SigEps went off to war? That answer changes with each major conflict. With so many college-aged men called to serve, fraternal life was significantly impacted during the war years. Starting with World War I, Michael Green, California-Berkeley '62, takes us through some of the biggest armed conflicts of our time. Dr. Green is a longtime volunteer and avid historian of all things SigEp. He tapped into previous Journals, material from the book, Our Journey of Brotherhood, published in 1999, as well as The Lifetime Responsibility of Brotherhood to develop a general overview of how the Fraternity was affected by wartime over the last century.

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A Word from the Grand President

To the Active and Alumni Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon:

The response of college men to the call of our country has been so prompt and so noble that Sigma Phi Epsilon may well be proud of the regard. When the record is finally written, the name of Sigma Phi Epsilon will be numbered among the

World War I

The First World War was the first war that involved Sigma Phi Epsilon. The War Department proposed that all fraternities be shut down for the duration of the war. SigEp Grand Secretary **William L. Phillips, Richmond 1903**, proposed to the War Department that fraternities could be a tool for recruiting young educated men to be part of the war effort. As a result of the efforts of Phillips and others, fraternities were not closed by the War Department. A number of the universities did close their fraternities by curtailing their activities. As a result of Phillips' urging in the *Journal*, Sigma Phi Epsilon counted over 3,000 brothers in the war effort. The war emptied chapter houses all over the country, causing some chapters to go dormant. A number of SigEps died during World War I, including SigEp founder **Frank Webb Kerfoot, Richmond 1902**, who was killed on August 29, 1918, while serving as a chaplain for the army. More brothers may have died of the Spanish flu, which killed over 600,000 Americans, more than were killed by the war. Despite the war, Phillips opened three new chapters at Montana, Oregon State and Kansas State in 1918. The chapters that were closed in 1917 and 1918 resumed full operation by 1920 or 1921.



Founding Father Uncle Billy Phillips urged SigEp brothers to serve through the *Journal*.



SigEp founder Frank Webb Kerfoot, Richmond 1902, was killed on August 29, 1918, while serving as a chaplain for the Army.



By **BRETT R. DANKO**,
Pennsylvania '90

“I wanted our brothers fighting for our freedom around the world to realize that we are all together, ...through the spirit, respect and love of brotherhood.”

~ HENRY POPE

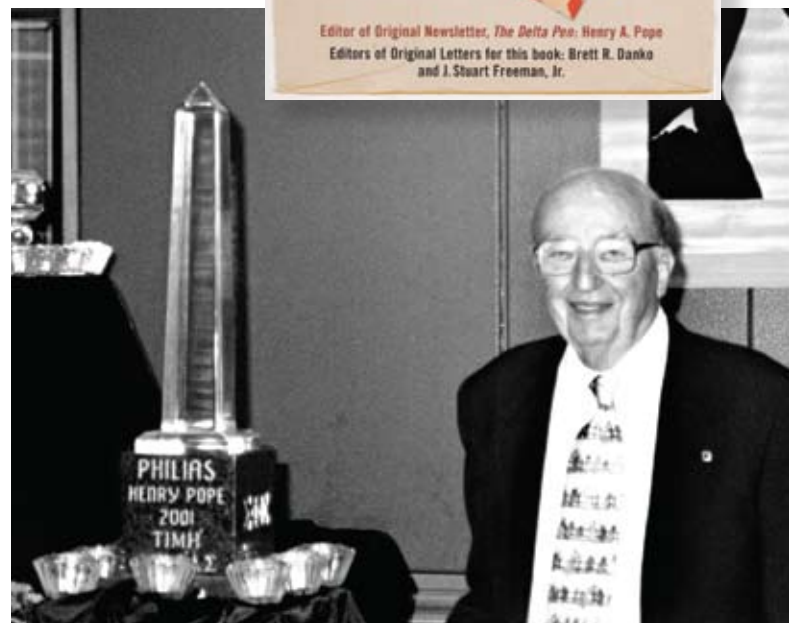
Brotherly love in action: Book captures notes among chapter brothers serving in World War II

In the early 1940s, the brothers at the University of Pennsylvania's Pennsylvania Delta Chapter found themselves separated and dispatched across the globe to fight in World War II. One young graduate, Henry “Hank” Pope, '43, was kept home, ineligible for service. So he set out to keep the group united by collecting letters from the 70 dispersed alumni, circulating them among the brotherhood through a mimeographed newsletter. He devoted hundreds and hundreds of hours to this project over nearly three years.

Excerpts from those actual letters were compiled in *Brothers in War: 1943-1945*, originally published in 2004. The compilation outlines the life of war for these brave men. Some played baseball in the Central Pacific. Others ran Italian railroads. One

survived 35 combat missions over Germany. Another became a father and also a casualty in Okinawa. Some lived to tell their stories; the rest will live on in the compilation of these letters.

Letters between soldiers and parents or loved ones have commonly been collected or published. But original World War II letters between friends are rare. This collection is unique because it is not based on memories of 60 years ago, which may be tempered by time and subsequent life experience. This powerful narrative takes the reader back to 1943-1945, to the point in time when these letters were written. The historical significance of *Brothers In War* is its frank depiction of the feelings of these men during wartime.



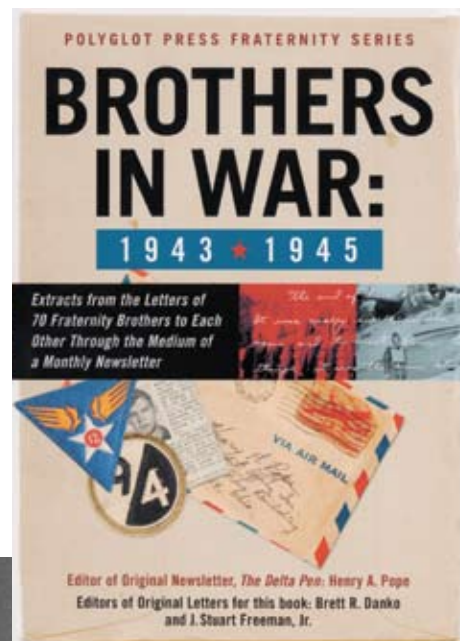
Henry Pope, Pennsylvania '43, was recognized at the 2001 Centennial Grand Chapter Conclave with the Honor of Philias award for his outstanding display of brotherly love in keeping his brothers connected throughout the second World War. Brett Danko, Pennsylvania '90, helped edit *Brothers in War* to capture the letters circulated among the brothers.

The strength of fraternal and university bonds and their importance to these men at a pivotal time in their lives and in the history of the world are evidenced both in their letters and in the newsletters produced by Brother Pope. The excerpts from the letters in this book illustrate the importance of the fraternal bond in sustaining these men during war and giving them something to look forward to in peace.

When I asked Brother Pope why he embarked on this project so many years ago, he said without hesitation, “Since I was not able to serve in the military, I wanted to do my part back home. I wanted our brothers fighting for our freedom around the world to realize that we are all together, maybe not back at the SigEp chapter house, but connected in a more consequential way—through the spirit,

respect and love of brotherhood.”

Brother Pope then added, “Of course, each brother had their immediate family and girlfriend/wife, but your fraternity brothers share a special bond that can be stronger than simple friendship. I hoped the newsletters would serve as a needed lift when brothers were facing difficult times during the war.”





World War II

The bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, resulted in fraternity houses all over the United States being emptied as the men volunteered to join the war effort. On most campuses, over half of the fraternities went dormant during the war. SigEp was no exception. On some campuses, fraternity houses remained open because they became locations for V-12 officer training. One of those chapters was at the University of Michigan where **Frank Ruck, '46**, became a SigEp in 1944. In 1942, **William L. Phillips, Richmond 1903**, retired as Grand Secretary. **Bill Hindman, Pennsylvania '39**, became Grand Secretary in 1943, and the Executive Committee believed that the Fraternity should stay open. The expansion started by Hindman began with two new chapters that were chartered during 1943 and 1944, Wyoming and Rutgers.

The fraternities and sororities as a whole were devastated by the Depression. World War II made things worse for fraternities because so many chapter houses were empty. Sororities, on the other hand, flourished during the war as many more women went to college. Sigma Phi Epsilon fared better than most fraternities because it didn't close down as a national Fraternity. The debt built during the war was one of the factors that led SigEp to sell its Headquarters building in 1946. The aftermath of the war brought thousands of GI bill students who wouldn't have otherwise gone to college. In fraternities like SigEp, the nature of fraternity changed. The Fraternity became far less protestant and more diverse, which eventually led to SigEp doing away with segregation before most of the other fraternities. SigEp took advantage of the influx of students brought to the colleges by the GI bill to expand into colleges where other fraternities did not wish to expand. Sigma Phi Epsilon greatly benefited from

the new chapters installed by Hindman and Ruck in the late 1940s and early 1950s.



Aviation Cadets at the Enid Army Flying School form a "V" over Oklahoma's quiet plains. Morey L. Hodgman, WPI '42, graduated from Enid, according to the May 1942 *Journal*.



Bill Hindman, Pennsylvania '39, became Grand Secretary in 1943.



Private Al Becker, Lawrence '45, sent his photo into the *Journal* and it made the May 1943 issue. He even scribbled a note.



SigEps have a history of finding each other in wartime. The *Journal* reported in May 1942 that Captain Harry D. Kurtz, Ohio State '37, left and Corporal Everett O. Amis, Washington and Lee '39, handled public relations work at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss. Kurtz served as Grand President from 1959-60.



Pennsylvania held a War Years Reunion for all graduates from the years 1942-1949 in 2001. Left to right, Bill Gelbach, '43, Pope, Danko, Conrad Eberstein, '65, and Warren Monsees, '42, share a moment some 60 years after the war began.

Brother Pope received SigEp's highest award for Brotherly Love, the Honor of Philias at the 2001 Grand Chapter Conclave. Pope never thought he was doing anything special at the time and is a bit amused at all the attention he has received for it. "I just wanted the brotherhood to stay connected and to make sure each actively serving Fraternity brother knew they were not alone and had someone they could lean on outside their immediate family."

Thank you Brother Pope. Your selfless project will never be forgotten. For more information about the book, *Brothers in War*, email brett@brettdanko.com.

Brother dreams about SigEp days

This letter from the book is written by Kenneth "Kenny" Wicker, to Henry "Hank" Pope

February 14, 1944

(somewhere in Italy, V-Mail)

"I guess that it is about time that I wrote my monthly letter to you. Things are pretty hot over here, and at present moment I am suffering from a mild case of dysentery, which is quite common among ills here. Also I am suffering from the effects of daydreaming. How, you ask me? Well Hank, I often sit down and daydream about the great times that we used to have at the fraternity. The good food, the soft bed, the pool table and game room, the good natured gang of guys and the weekend dances all come back and flash through my mind a hundred times a night. That, my dear Hank, is really suffering, even more than Rodgers does when Housman beats him at pool (ha ha).

Hank, I'd like to write to some of the other fellows but didn't. I hardly have enough time to write home once a week. Say! How are all of your women, Pope? I am anxiously awaiting your next letter or newspaper."

On a somber note: Brother Kenny Wicker was killed nine days after writing this letter along with four other Pennsylvania Delta SigEps during WWII.

Former Marine Corps Commandant discusses leadership in the service and SigEp



Brother Conway addresses his Marines in Musa Qala, Afghanistan during his term as the 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps (2006-2010).

Five years have passed since **General James T. Conway, Southeast Missouri State '69**, received the SigEp Citation and closed his acceptance speech with, "Virtually everything I needed to know about leadership in the United States Marine Corps, I learned as a part of Sigma Phi Epsilon." Now that the former Commandant is retired, **Renato Villacorte, CalPoly-Pomona '91**, was able to discuss leadership issues with one of the country's most recognized experts for the *Journal*.

Journal: What officer positions did you hold as a SigEp and how did they help you with common challenges when you started leading Marines?

Conway: I was vice president and then president of the Missouri Zeta Chapter and went on to be president of the IFC my senior year. College leadership opportunities are there, and people ought to take advantage of them if they can. I certainly think it helped to prepare me for leadership roles in the military. One thing that is uniformly there and each leader has to deal with is this whole issue of respect vs. like. These are not necessarily opposed as a lot of great leaders I know were both liked and respected. I think that, as a young leader, sometimes there is too much of a tendency to be more concerned that your people like you than that they respect you. They make choices they think are popular as opposed to choices more oriented to getting the job done. So, I think every young leader has to cross that bridge. That challenge is true for both fraternity leadership and military leadership.

Journal: For students and alumni, our officers are challenged with leading their peers. What advice do you have on motivating fellow leaders?

Conway: Of the several styles of leadership, we encourage our people to always start with the collective style of leadership if you want to get most value from your peers. I feel that it is absolutely essential that you have the respect of your peers. The collective style is where you bring in other peoples' thought processes, you gain buy-in and you show that you value their opinion. You seek debate, even heavy duty debate, on how you ought to go forward. Then, you demand the same amount of fervency in support of the chosen course of action that you saw in the debate. If you can give people that sense of value, that they'll be heard out, that it is up to them to make the best case they can in doing what they want to do. If you go through that process, not micromanaging, not being narcissistic, you have a much better chance of leading peers.

"The greater the difficulty, the more the glory in surmounting it." ~ EPICURUS

Journal: What advice would you give to the alumnus on how to best mentor the undergraduate into successfully leading his chapter?

Conway: The best way is to establish the framework and monitor that, mentor that, but inside of that established framework, let the young person have a loose rein. Let them exercise their leadership, and then step in as needed to keep them on track. You also have to instill in the person the right values. You're always coming back to those values once they're entrenched and part of your basic core. The other thing that complements your Marine Corps values is individual integrity. Our leadership skills are all important, but probably the most important is integrity and doing the right things because they're the right things to do. If an alumnus, mentor or advisor can get that thought process across to the undergrad and give them their task, their commander's guidance, give them loose reins, be there to assist if they have issues or questions that come up to direct them along the path, then you're developing leaders. If you tend to over-supervise, micromanage or assume the reins yourself, then the person is just along for the ride. None of that develops leaders the way you can when you give the person authority and responsibility.



Korean War

The Korean War, a Cold War police action, didn't affect fraternities in the same way that the two World Wars and the Vietnam War did. Chapters were faced with a reduction of membership between 1950 and 1953, but this didn't lead to the wholesale closure of chapters. Most of the men who fought in the Korean War were draftees. The draft had been an important part of the military build up for the Cold War. Many college students could defer their service to their country until after they graduated. As with World



SigEps who saw duty on the Worcester, from the November 1953 issue of the *SigEp Journal*.

War II, fraternity membership increased in the wake of the Korean War, which led to further diversification in fraternities like SigEp. The expansion of the second half of the 1940s continued unabated during the Korean War. In 1946, SigEp was 12th in number of chapters. In 1956, SigEp was number two in the number of chapters. The expansion and the diversity that came with it helped fuel the changes that occurred from 1955 to 1959.

Journal: Every large organization has to cope with individual members who commit embarrassing or criminal acts. What can we do to minimize this in our Fraternity?

Conway: It gets back to core values and integrity. One thing I think we can emphasize that helps with Marine officers is this whole idea of reputation. I told my sons, at some point, probably at the rank of Major, your reputation is as important as your paper record. Reputation can be ascertained by a short bio, or a call to a former workplace is as good as anything you'll find in writing. Once you sacrifice that reputation by doing something stupid or illegal, it is virtually impossible to completely recover. So, I think that at every stage or act, a person needs to understand that their reputation is at risk. Instilling the value of integrity and reputation will hopefully cause people, even in a drunken stupor to say, "Hey, I don't think I need to do that, man."

Journal: Lastly, have you come across any SigEps in the Marine Corps?

Conway: I met a lot of people from Southeast Missouri in the Marine Expeditionary Force before we crossed over into Iraq in 2003. When we got into Baghdad and had a little time, I told my adjutant to go into our units and look at commanders only, Lieutenant Colonel and above, and tell me where they went to college. He came back with the info that four were from the Naval Academy, three from Texas A & M, two from VMI, two from the Citadel, one from West Point and six from Southeast Missouri State University! He gave me the list and four of the six were SigEps! I said you got to be kidding me. What a small world.

The Journal is very grateful for the time and knowledge shared by Brother Conway. He is now enjoying retirement with his wife, Annette, and residing between homes in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Brother Conway remains active with speaking engagements but also takes time to give back through his involvement with wounded warrior programs including the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund.



Two smiling Founders formed a welcoming committee for Lieut. Gen. Franklin A. Hart, Alabama Alpha, '13, as he visited the Conclave on the afternoon of the first day. Founder Carter Ashton Jenkins shakes hands with the General, who is commandant of the Marine Corps School at Quantico, Va., while Founder William L. Phillips smiles broadly. General Hart brought with him for a brief visit to the Conclave 26 young Marine officers from Quantico, representing nearly as many chapters. The General participated at the commemorative exercises on the Richmond campus and later enjoyed buffet dinner at the Officers Club. Reprinted from the November, 1951 issue of the *SigEp Journal*.

SigEpVets: Connecting brothers and honoring service

By **RENATO VILLACORTE**, Cal-Poly Pomona '91

My first Conclave was the 2001 Centennial in Washington D.C. It was only weeks before the attacks of September 11, and the country had not been at war for any great length of time. The public recognition of our brothers who were

dress uniforms. That was my first picture with Brothers **Ed Jones, Buffalo State '96 (USN)**, **John Hopson, Jacksonville State '91 (USA)**, and **Robert Lanham, Indiana '77 (USMC)**. The idea of celebrating and recognizing military

such as Facebook's SigEps Who Serve group, the SigEp Patriots Project, LinkedIn, alumni and volunteer networking, and simple word of mouth, the collection of corresponding military brothers has grown to several

Armed Services.

This combined bond of SigEp and military service has created opportunities for us to celebrate each other's accomplishments and life's special events. The social media pages are now filled with

answered the call in times of tragedy and sorrow. Since the start of the Global War on Terror, we know of 10 brothers who have died in Iraq and one who was killed in Afghanistan. During several of these mournful times, SigEpVets have extended sympathies and condolences to the surviving family and local chapter members. On two recent occasions, a member of SigEpVets represented the Grand President to pass on the condolences of the Fraternity's national leadership. We were honored to participate in our fallen brothers' celebrations of life and remain ready to serve their families.

SigEpVets have also taken the lead in honoring the legacies of these fallen brothers. The brothers we lost to the Iraq war left us

with seven young children. We are making every effort to add to the large support network for these children and are teaming up with local chapter volunteers.

With the help of local alumni and family friends, SigEpVets are contributing to the growth of the Fallen



In June 2012, SigEpVets rallied local Marine brothers to attend the commission of Davin Heaton, San Diego State '12, to Second Lieutenant. From left are Captain Joshua Gregory, Jacksonville State '03, First Lieutenant Dennis Kimbell, San Diego State '65, First Lieutenant Justin LeBlanc, Massachusetts '06, Heaton, Sergeant Mike Sherbakov, San Diego State '11, and Sergeant Renato Villacorte, CalPoly-Pomona '91. Semper Fidelis!

veterans or actively serving was not as commonplace as it is now. However, three brothers stood apart from the crowd at the Alumni Awards Dinner as they wore their respective services' formal

service at Conclave would grow into the group of brothers known as SigEpVets.

SigEpVets is a network of brothers who have bonded across social media and on military posts around the world. Through various channels,

hundred veterans and currently serving members. For most brothers, it is a continuation of the lifestyle of SigEp brotherhood that they found in college, and now it spans across every branch of the U.S.

pictures of our military brothers saluting promotions, standing up for weddings and celebrating homecomings.

This support network for military brothers has also

Brothers Scholarship Fund. Set up with the Tennessee Alpha Chapter alumni through the SigEp Educational Foundation, funds are being collected for the three young children of Brother **Trane McCloud, Tennessee '89**.

Donors can make a tax-deductible donation to also benefit the children of the Pfister, Dozier, and O'Bryan families. We have every reason to believe that our fallen brothers would have wanted their children to pursue the diploma as they once did. SigEpVets will do everything possible to create and support that opportunity for these special kids.

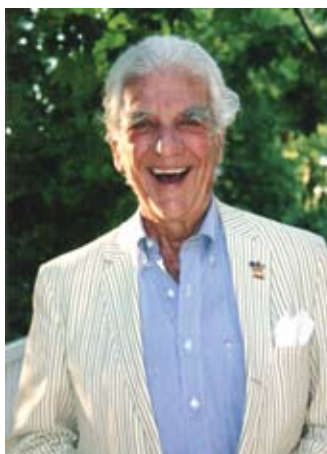
In 2008, several members of SigEpVets raised funds to augment the McCloud family's participation in the Snowball Express. That year, the Snowball Express flew over 1,000 children of our nation's fallen heroes into Southern California for some fun. The charitable organization provided entertainment and took the kids to amusement parks over several days. SigEpVets raised additional funds and made the vacation a little longer for Hayden,

Grace and Meghan McCloud. They added a trip to Disneyland and additional days at Disneyland to their activities.

SigEpVets will continue to honor the legacies left behind by our fallen brothers and look forward to participating in more fun vacations as all of these children grow older.

SigEpVets will continue to lead efforts in recognizing the service and sacrifice of our brothers at Conclaves and Carlson Leadership Academies. If you wish to support our efforts and put more military brothers in contact with us, please visit www.SigEpVets.com or search for the SigEpVets community page on Facebook. We hope to make the SigEpVets gathering at the 2013 Conclave in Dallas the largest and best ever.

Note: Villacorte earned the Doud-Clayton Award at the 2009 Grand Chapter Conclave given to honor outstanding acts of brotherly love and was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus in 2012.



In his own words

Ted Gardner, Oregon State '47, now 91 years old, explains why he got involved in the Veteran's History Project to help preserve the stories and memories of his fellow servicemen, World War II soldiers, before they leave us. To see Brother Gardner's interview about his World War II experience, go to <http://vhp.cincinnati.library.org/> and search for Gardner.



As a schoolboy 80 years ago, my elementary history teacher lit a fire under me about our nation's rich heritage. I became enthralled by literature of writers both domestic and foreign. Mother, who was a Daughter of the American Revolution and a member of the Native Sons and Daughters of the Oregon Territory, added more light to the fire. Dad was a "sod-buster" from Nebraska and was steeped in the history of that territory and state.

Dad's brother fought in France 1917-1918 as a combat engineer. He kept a record of his experiences in WWI. Through the years I was a good audience, which pleased him. He was close to General Black Jack Pershing.

Time passed, I joined SigEp, and I became concerned that during the years between WWI and WWII, the actual personal veterans' remembrances were not recorded or had been lost. Sixteen and a half million Americans served in the armed forces. Millions of these did not keep a written record and the years passed, veterans aged and died. That great institution, the Library of Congress, developed a plan to save these personal stories of bravery, sacrifice and determination.

The Library of Congress offered a plan called the Oral History Project. This has been working for a number of years, but the rapid decline in numbers of veterans urged stepping up the pace of serious action.

The plan was offered to the public libraries around the country to implement it. Schools and veteran's organizations were encouraged to participate. Here's where SigEp can lead the way in the fraternity world. Volunteer interviewers have conducted interviews through a simple, yet effective 30-minute or preferably 60-minute video biography. The DVD is then provided by the public library to the veteran to keep. A copy of the same is kept in the library's archives and in the Library of Congress archives, available to the public forever.

SigEp can be an effective participant in this program and all chapters can be leaders in the collegiate world. As a WWII Navy vet, I've conducted a little over 200 interviews at the Cincinnati Public Library, and I urge all SigEps to get involved and for those SigEp brothers who served in WWII to be interviewed! Please visit the Veterans History Project through the Library of Congress website at <http://www.loc.gov/vets/> or your public library.



On June 12, 2012, First Lieutenant **Matthew D. Willey, Iowa '02**, right, was awarded the Air Force Commendation

Medal with Valor for actions in Afghanistan. Serving as an Army battalion air liaison officer, he called in dangerously close air strikes on an enemy attack and took deliberate actions to safeguard friendly forces. Willey coordinated strafing and bombing runs while also defending his position with his rifle and hand grenades.

Silver Star-decorated SigEp drew enemy fire away from his comrades

By ERIN MULLALLY, Michigan State '99



Colonel Gary Hall

Gary Hall, Montana '64, is one of Sigma Phi Epsilon's most distinguished veterans. He is a recipient of the Silver Star, one of our country's highest decorations, which was awarded to him during his tour in Vietnam.

As an incoming freshman at the University of Montana in 1960, Brother Hall's hometown friend **Jack Martin, Montana '61**, encouraged him to join SigEp.

"The chapter had a great balance. We had athletes, serious academics and student government leaders," explained Hall. "I remember being particularly impressed that the chapter boasted a Rhodes Scholar among its membership, **John Carlson, Montana '61**, and had also invited a visiting Fulbright Scholar from Italy to live in the chapter house."

Brother Hall also joined the Air Force ROTC while on campus. Shortly after his graduation, he completed flight training for the F100 jet

fighter and was assigned to a one-year combat tour in Vietnam.

During the first six months of his tour, Hall flew over 100 combat missions in the F100 and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in recognition of his efforts. For the second half of his tour, Hall was selected to become an airborne forward air controller (FAC).

As an FAC, Hall flew the O1E Bird Dog plane to help coordinate fighter airstrikes supporting American ground troops. "I would normally fly around 1,000–1,500 feet and was in constant radio contact with on-the-ground army units. Once we clearly established our locations, I would mark 'target areas' by firing a white smoke rocket to show our fighters where to drop their bombs," Hall explained.

On November 16, 1967, Hall was flying as an FAC supporting the 9th Infantry Division as they operated in the Mekong Delta near Saigon. Suddenly, Hall received an urgent radio call saying that an American



Gary Hall in Vietnam with his trusty "Bird Dog" FAC aircraft.



Vietnam War

The Vietnam War was a disaster for fraternities nationwide. The war was undeclared, and it didn't enjoy broad public support. Students considered Vietnam to be an establishment war. The establishment was what the students of the late 1960s-early 1970s rebelled against. On some campuses, the membership in Greek organizations dropped by a factor of three. It was not cool to be Greek, so Greek organizations suffered greatly. It took intestinal fortitude to belong to a Greek organization during the Vietnam War. SigEp built a new Headquarters on Chamberlayne Avenue in Richmond during this period. It represented the establishment, not the students (whether they belonged to a fraternity or not). Chapter membership plunged, not because of the draft (a minor factor), but because fraternities represented the establishment values. The more liberal schools were hit the hardest. There were chapters that existed out of the trunk of a member's car. Fortunately, as a result of the 1959 conclave, SigEp had developed a different leadership model from other fraternities. SigEp devoted the money and manpower at the grass-roots level to keeping its chapters open. Brothers who fought in Vietnam fought bravely only to be vilified when they came home. Some of these members suffered from the effects of the war and rejection at home. Fraternity Headquarters staff showed a willingness to work with students who didn't necessarily align with the traditional values that many of the Fraternity alumni believed in. The Fraternity was bold in developing the leadership in young men, who in other times would have been considered not to have leadership potential. While the Vietnam War was a disaster for the fraternity system and the country, Sigma Phi Epsilon came out of the Vietnam War stronger and wiser. The Vietnam War proved to be the crucible that formed the Fraternity which came out on top 20 years later.



Four SigEps decided to open their own chapter, Delta Mu Zeta (DMZ), less than 10 miles from the Demilitarized Zone. This photo appeared in the September 1969 *Journal*. Kneeling from left are E. B. Underhill, Kent State '56, and G. R. Ellis Jr., Westminster '67. Standing, from left: B. L. Jackson, Kansas '59, and L. E. Townley, Arkansas '65. They were with the Navy's northernmost Seabee battalion in Vietnam, stationed at Camp Barnes, Dong Ha Forward Combat Base.



Fighter pilot Gary Hall receives a Silver Star during his tour of Vietnam. Read more on page 30.

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~ GARY HALL

company was pinned down in a nearby canal by well-placed, heavy enemy fire.

As the company was simply too close to the enemy to call in fighter support, Hall knew he had to act fast—so he immediately began to fly a series of low altitude passes, flying only 100–300 feet over the Viet Cong in order to try to draw their fire away from the pinned down American GIs.

“It worked,” he said, “The company commander radioed me that the Viet Cong were firing away at me, so I kept making more low altitude passes, yanking and banking as hard as I could. I think I must

have bent the throttle forward trying to get my Bird Dog to fly faster while I was buzzing the enemy, but our troops were able to withdraw out of their pinned down positions, and we subsequently brought in fighters to destroy those threatening gun emplacements.”

Later that same night, Hall was “scrambled” to fly FAC support for another American unit also under attack. Flying a Bird Dog at night was extremely challenging in its own right, with Hall and his fellow pilots being forced to use flares for illumination, trying to figure out which tracers were whose and making low altitude smoke rocket passes.

In total that day, Brother Hall flew over 10 hours in gritty combat conditions. “I feel that someone was certainly looking over my shoulder that day, as I did not receive a single hit,” Hall reflected. Shortly after, he was awarded the Silver Star for his actions.

“I don’t feel that there was anything special about what I did. So many other people would have done something very similar,” Hall humbly shared.

Following his service in Vietnam, Brother Hall continued a distinguished career in the United States Air Force before retiring as a Colonel. “I feel so fortunate as I flew various fighter aircraft throughout my 26-year career, was stationed at 13 different bases and spent 11 years overseas,” Hall said. “England especially holds a special place in my heart as that is where I met my beautiful English wife, Penny.” Gary and Penny live in Corvallis, Ore., have two children, Melissa and Chris, and are the proud grandparents of five.

Reservist brothers balance college and military service

By **KEVIN LYNCH**, Maryland-College Park '08

As we continually hear news of the United States troops abroad, it is sobering to remember that many are our brothers, and some are called to active duty in the midst of their college careers.

In order to find these student-brother-soldiers, *The Journal* turned to **Renato Villacorte, CalPoly-Pomona '91**, one of the brothers behind the SigEpVets group on Facebook. Villacorte proved an important resource, connecting these men to veteran brothers and



active duty men at home and abroad.

The three brothers were **Steven Maire, Case Western Reserve '13**, **Charles Wesley, Rhode Island '10**, and **Yoni Haim, South Florida '11**, each reservists in the armed services.

Maire originally intended to enter the military right out of high school in 2006. His mother convinced him to attend Case Western Reserve. After his first year, Maire decided to join the Ohio Sigma Chapter. That year he also enlisted in the Marine Corps as a reservist. He delayed his fall semester to attend recruit training and then did the same the following year for infantry school.

College? Marines? Both.

In his junior year, his unit was soon to be deployed to Afghanistan, and it quickly began preparing. He was deployed to Marja in Helmand Province. His unit was responsible for transportation, so his primary hazard was roadside bombs, but he came back from his deployment safely. Maire reenrolled in school and is seeking a master's degree in applied mathematics.

Maire said that his experience, "forced me to grow in different ways." Serving in the military gave him a different perspective on problems and issues he faces as a student. He said he was glad he ended up going to college at the behest of his mother. Maire noted that SigEp was one of the reasons he stayed with school despite his aspirations.

On his deployment, Maire said that SigEp was, "something to look forward to," and his chapter was thrilled for him to come back. Maire believes, "Everyone thinking of a military career should consider joining the reserves."

Support from SigEp

Sergeant Charles Wesley enlisted in the Rhode Island Army National Guard immediately after enrolling in school. Wesley was plagued by medical issues, including a hernia, so he was forced to delay his training in the reserves. He eventually completed his basic and occupation training and was then informed he would be deployed to Afghanistan in February 2011. He returned to school in May 2012.

Wesley said that people going into the field should, "focus on the mission first, but keep in touch with the chapter and your friends; they are there to take care of you." Wesley said having his SigEp brothers gave him an important support network. "The chapter will be there for you when you get back," he said.

Wesley said Villacorte and fellow SigEp reservist **Ed Jones, Buffalo State '96**, sent him care packages when he was in the field—an important reminder of the brotherhood he left behind.

Lance Corporal Yoni Haim, had an incredibly quick transition to military life. He enlisted with the Marine Corps Reserve in his junior year and deployed to Afghanistan in the middle of the 2011 spring semester. He volunteered for the deployment because he knew this was the most flexible time in his life.

He quickly went to his pre-deployment training, and deployed after about three weeks versus the normal five-month process. "I went from living in the fraternity house to living in Afghanistan a month later," Haim commented. He was a member of the 2nd maintenance battalion, motor transport.

Haim said the military was a lot like fraternity life, so his adjustment was quick. He said, "Boot camp was a lot like a rush class—a major part was 'How do we bring this other recruit into the fold, up to par with the rest of the class?'"

Haim thinks the most important thing when considering these life decisions is to, "Always do things for yourself; that is the way to live a happy life." He moved to Florida, where he is still serving in the reserves.

These brothers were able to balance their education and their military aspirations. If military service is something you have desired, consider joining a military reserve to get the exposure and experience to make an educated career decision.



Lance Corporal Yoni Haim, South Florida '11, top, Sergeant Charles Wesley, Rhode Island '10, inset, and Corporal Steven Maire, Case Western Reserve '13, bottom, interrupted their studies to serve their country.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial: Thirty years later, a SigEp recounts the meaning of healing

By Rabbi **ARNOLD E. RESNICOFF**, Dartmouth '68

Thirty years ago, on November 13, 1982, my closing prayer at the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial—"The Wall"—began with these words:



"Almighty God, some 2,500 years ago the prophet Jeremiah cried out with words filled with pain and anguish; words of despair; words which might have come out of the mouths of our Vietnam veterans, struggling to reclaim their lives...until today. 'Why have we been smitten?' he asked, 'and then for us there was no healing. We looked for peace but could find no good. We looked for a time of healing, and behold, we found terror.'"

Today, the Wall is one of our nation's most beloved memorials. For many it is sacred space, holy ground. For me, it's the closest America has to the Western Wall in Jerusalem: a place for prayer or reflection; for remembrance and for dreams.

But for Jan Scruggs, the former Army corporal who first dreamed of this memorial, it was not easy to find support to remember a war that had divided our nation; it was not easy to remember veterans who had died, when we had never properly welcomed home those who had survived.

When Scruggs gathered together a group of veterans to promote the idea—a group that soon included me—there was opposition at every step: no memorial unless it glorified the war; or no memorial unless it admitted the war was a mistake.

For SigEp, balance is integral to vision, and somehow Scruggs balanced the competing visions of a memorial by making it a memorial to people:

not a Vietnam War Memorial at all; instead, a Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Built to heal a nation, the Wall would provide a place for all, regardless of feelings about the war, to come together to mourn our dead. And in so doing, to honor those who had survived as well: veterans who still bore the

wounds—physical and emotional—of their service.

The Wall did that, and more. By honoring our veterans, it allowed them to tell their stories, and allowed healing to begin. One veteran recalled how he had barely started college when a classmate asked him how he had lost his arm. When he told her he was wounded in Vietnam, her response was, "Serves you right." He never told anyone else he had been in Vietnam...until the day the Memorial was dedicated.

Ultimately, what the Memorial accomplished was a vision shift for people like that classmate. Before the dedication, those who hated the war showed that hatred in their treatment of its veterans, so that our military personnel had to fight two wars: one overseas and one back home. Since the Wall's creation, most Americans carefully distinguish opposition to a war from support for our troops.

I remember being in uniform in an airport during Desert Shield/Desert Storm—when yellow ribbons were displayed as symbols of support for our military personnel. A stranger came up to me, extended his hand, and said, "Welcome home." My first impulse was to tell him I had not served in DS/DS.

Instead I grasped his hand and thanked him. I felt he was finally welcoming me home from Vietnam.

The SigEp values of Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love were integral to the work Jan Scruggs did with his small "band of brothers" as we tried to build a unique wall: one that would keep no one out, but instead welcome all in. A wall to heal a nation: that thought was with me as I ended my prayer:

"Help us, we pray, make this the beginning of the time of healing that we all seek.... Let this monument and this dedication forever remind us that we will come together to mourn our dead; we will come together to reach out to our wounded; we will come together to remember and honor our brave. Only then may we have the vision to dream our dreams again. Only then may we have the faith to pray our prayers again. Only then may we have the courage to march together again—to stand together again—and together to help make this the kind of country and the kind of world for which we pray."



Arnold Resnicoff, Dartmouth '68, served in Beirut on October 23, 1983, the day of the Beirut barracks bombing, the first modern suicide attack against U.S. forces. Resnicoff's report of the attack, "Seeking God's Presence," was read in full by President Ronald Reagan as his keynote speech to "Baptist Fundamentalism '84," a conference led by the late Rev. Jerry Falwell. Search for Resnicoff and Beirut on YouTube to watch the speech.

WWII prisoner eluded Bataan Death March; survived 34 months in jungle

By BOB WELCH

In the Philippine jungle, Clay Conner Jr., Duke '40, ran with the panicked zeal of a hunted animal. He slogged through rice paddies, splashed across muddy drainage canals, and threaded his way through leaves the size and thickness of B-17 props. His lungs heaved.



Clay Conner poses in uniform with his father.

It was the morning of March 15, 1943. Clay Conner Jr. fell to his knees, hidden in chest-high cogon grass. He heard a vehicle and the crunch of more boots. Machine-gun fire chattered from the rifles of the Japanese soldiers, playing ominous percussion to his panting. His stomach lurched. He vomited. But to quit was to die.

Clay Conner Jr. did not quit. Of the tens of thousands of SigEps through the decades, none has done what Conner did in World War II: Eluded the Bataan Death March and survived for 34 months in the jungles of Luzon.

"I have known no one like him," a friend, Jack Brown, said at Conner's memorial service in Indianapolis in 1983.

Conner died at age 65. However, his story will live on this November when Penguin's Berkley Caliber publishes the book I wrote, *Resolve: From the Jungles of WWII Bataan, the Epic Story of a Soldier, a Flag, and a Promise Kept*.

Only a few hundred U.S. soldiers chose to avoid capture by the Japanese when Bataan fell on April 9, 1942; thousands would die in the subsequent Bataan Death March. Of those who avoided capture, like Conner, only a few dozen survived.

Conner left for the war as a 23-year-old Army Air Force officer, part of the 27th Bombardment Group (Light). He

returned a 27-year-old first lieutenant and was honorably discharged as a major.

"He was an absolutely remarkable individual," said Wayne Sanford, former chairman of the Indiana Historical Society's military history section. "Intensely courageous. Intelligent. Emotional. Sensitive. He reminded me of a modern day Robin Hood."

Conner was Indiana-born, New Jersey-reared, and Duke University-schooled, where his degree was in economics.

Conner joined the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and roomed with future Pro Football Hall of Famer George McAfee. Ambitious to the core, he started an in-house laundry business to make spending money, and, as a sophomore, made the golf and cheerleading teams. With fraternity brother **Bob Stivers, '40**, he hatched an idea to also sell sandwiches at Duke Stadium on football Saturdays. The two pooled their profits to buy a car, whose



deficiencies included a loose connection in the right headlight. On occasion, Stivers would drive while Conner lay on the fender to hold a wire in the headlight socket, at least once while wearing a tuxedo.

Though never having camped before, Conner survived a jungle crawling with pythons, enemy soldiers, communist soldiers, even a few

Americans who betrayed him. A number of things saved Conner in the jungle: a diligence to survive, inspiration from the New Testament and his willingness—in the spirit of one of SigEp's cardinal principles of brotherly love—to befriend two groups of people: Filipinos and pygmy Negritos. "I call them brothers," said Conner of the men who helped him survive.

What also contributed to his survival, said Sanford, was his humility. He needed help, sought it, and got it from the Filipinos and Negritos. "If he hadn't humbled himself," said Sanford, "he and his men never would have survived."

When, in January 1945, Conner and five other Americans met up with a group of U.S. tankers on



Clay Conner, kneeling at left, was in this group of eight survivors who emerged from the jungles of Luzon. It appears he was fortunate to have shoes.

a dusty road, they were surrounded by Filipinos and Negritos, one of whom was carrying a tattered American flag.

In 1956, Conner was featured on the popular TV program, "This Is Your Life." (See YouTube clip at <http://bit.ly/NY3hNp>.) Among the surprise guests on the show was his SigEp fraternity brother, Bob Stivers.

"We have not had a show that has received any more wonderful comments than yours," host Ralph Edwards wrote Conner afterward. Clay received more than a hundred letters himself. "You make us proud to be Americans," wrote Warren Hull of Scarsdale, N.Y.

And, today, he makes SigEps proud.



Sigma Phi Epsilon and War

The Global War on Terror

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan were fought by a volunteer military and National Guard troops. Previous wars relied on draftees. The volunteer soldier was better trained and better selected. The effect on fraternities as a whole and SigEp was different than in previous wars. The troops were not vilified nor did they represent a full cross-section of American society. Some chapters were not affected by these wars, because few of their members served. Other chapters were affected by the death and disfigurement (both physical and mental) of their brothers. The first Gulf War ended quickly, without a large loss of life or limb. The second Gulf war and Afghanistan have taken a far greater toll on the people who fought. The country will take years to recover from these wars.



Journal photos from the Iraqi war. From top: Steve Oliver, Western Michigan '08, perused his *Lifetime Responsibility of Brotherhood* during training in California before deploying to Iraq (Winter 2006); Three SigEp majors in the 82nd Airborne Division atop a plane they captured at Al Taqaddum airfield. (Winter 2004); Paul Chabot, Cal-State San Bernardino '97, just before deploying to Iraq as a Naval intelligence officer (Fall 2008); Edmund Luzine Jr., Syracuse '86 in front of the remains of Saddam Hussein's yacht (Spring 2005); Bart Newman, Georgia '99, kept a journal for his daughter while he was deployed. It became a book, *Because of Baghdad*. (Summer 2008).

U.S. Army captain signed up after 9/11 and still serves

By **MICHAEL SELBY**, Eastern Michigan '02

There are defining moments in each of our lives that determine our futures—moments that chart careers, impact the lives of those around us, and shape the course of the rest of our years. For U.S. Army Captain **David Kolinofsky**, North Texas '05,

that moment has sent him across the globe to Iraq as an infantry platoon leader in 2007 and soon to Afghanistan where he'll serve as a member of the Security Force Advisory Team (SFAT). It came on a day that arguably affected our country more than any other time since the Vietnam War—September 11, 2001.

As he looks back on that fateful day and its impact on his life, Kolinofsky sums it up with poignant simplicity: "In my mind, joining the Army was a no-brainer."

At 16, Kolinofsky's parents enrolled him in the prestigious Wentworth Military Academy, a college preparatory and junior military college in Lexington, Mo. While there, he fell in love with the Army. "I saw young men and women in their teenage years learning and applying leadership skills and also staying in the best shape of their lives," he said. He was also there to witness the attack on the World Trade Center. "9/11 happened my senior year in high school, and I watched as all my friends were being sent to war or preparing to deploy." Brother Kolinofsky contracted into a program where he was commissioned an officer in the Army following his college sophomore year at Wentworth.

After graduating from Wentworth, Kolinofsky attended North Texas, majoring in criminal justice. Initially, he didn't plan to join Sigma Phi Epsilon. But his brother, John, was a SigEp and former chapter president of the Texas Beta Chapter. David found that SigEp embodied many of the same principles and philosophies as the Army—the powerful influence that had inspired him at Wentworth.

Whether leading men in the armed forces or modeling the way for his brothers, Kolinofsky believes the same principles apply. "I would say that my education and Fraternity experience built my character and encompassed the ideals of sound mind and body. As a military officer, it is critical to focus on your academic studies because those skills have a direct effect on operational planning and soldier management in the field."

The most important thing Kolinofsky took from his time as a chapter leader that finds significance in his daily life is a dedication to the concept of a sound mind in a sound body. He advises that, "Those life-long lessons can be learned from each brother and incorporated into whatever journey you are taking, whether it be in the Fraternity, business world or the military." Kolinofsky believes that your journey as a member of SigEp doesn't stop after graduation. He

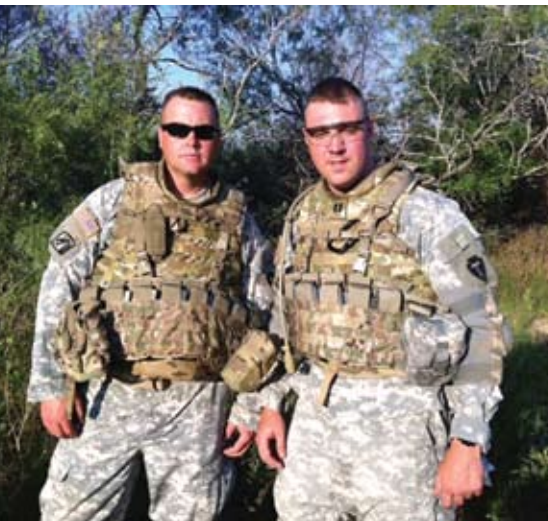
added, "With that mindset, you and those you lead will become better."

In 2007, Kolinofsky deployed as an infantry platoon leader, part of the troop surge in Iraq. He conducted convoy security across the country and later in his deployment worked on the battalion staff.

Brother Kolinofsky will once again answer the call to serve our country as he heads this fall to Afghanistan as part of the U.S. Army's SFAT. The SFAT was created as part of the 2014

pull-out plan outlined by President Obama. SFATs are small teams designed to partner with their Afghan army and police counterparts in a training program. Through intense, hands-on training, the Afghans will learn to secure their country independently and allow American troops to return home. The SFAT mission has been identified as one of the top priorities for the U.S. Army.

If Brother Kolinofsky and his fellow soldiers are successful, their service could prove a defining moment in creating a stable government in Afghanistan. Assuredly, the lessons he is demonstrating with his leadership and service to our nation also define SigEp.



David Kolinofsky, right, and a fellow soldier were getting pre-mission training at Camp Swift Texas in late June 2012. They paused here in the middle of counter-improvised explosive device training.

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The SigEp Patriots Project: Remembering those who serve

By ED JONES, Buffalo State '96



Many Americans and most of us know the legend of General Anthony Clement “NUTS!” McAuliffe, West Virginia '20, U.S. Army

(Retired). The hero of Bastogne, a veteran of World War II and Korea, was referenced in the movie “Band of Brothers” and the namesake of a group of SigEp volunteers.

However, have you heard about World War I Ace and founder of the Alabama Air National Guard **James Armand Meissner, Cornell 1917**? You probably want to know more about U.S. Navy World War II veterans Ensign **Joseph Metcalf Hissem, Illinois '39**, missing in action at the Battle of Midway, and computer pioneer and inventor of the computer mouse Dr. **Douglas Carl Engelbart, Oregon State '48**. Did you know that Dartmouth brother **James Vincent Forrestal, 1913**, a World War I veteran, was the first U.S. Secretary of Defense? Before his chapter brother would write books read by millions, **Theodor Seuss “Dr. Seuss” Geisel, Dartmouth '25**, served as a Captain in the U.S. Army during World War II. Surely you would be inspired by **John William “Bill” Rambo, Tennessee '59**, U. S. Army Sergeant First Class, who was a prisoner of war for 19 months during the Korean War before bringing his leadership and character to the University of Tennessee?

The SigEp Patriots Project (SPP) believes that every brother who raises his hand and takes the oath swearing to defend the nation, Constitution and our way of life should always be remembered. SPP serves to collect and archive the accomplishments of brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon who patriotically serve in the U.S. military. We dedicate ourselves to celebrating and honoring their achievements and preserving their memories.

In the spring of 2001, I began the effort which became SPP by reaching out to SigEps serving in the U.S. military to foster support and camaraderie among that group of brothers. At the time, I was working at SUNY Binghamton as the director of wellness and fitness, and while

I love all my brothers, I believe that, similar to brothers who are doctors, lawyers or CEOs, military brothers share experiences and lifestyles that cause them to have strong bonds.

In the pre-Facebook world, connections were made by email, phone calls and word-of-mouth. The great work of **Bryce Giesler, Tennessee '82**, a Navy veteran, must be acknowledged, for unbeknownst to me, he had begun a similar effort a few years earlier. After we learned of our mutual efforts, a partnership was formed to expand the holdings and effectiveness of the Project.

Over the years, SPP has evolved beyond a group helping young or future military brothers, to also ensuring that SigEp Patriots of the past are never forgotten. The Department of Veterans Administration estimates the death rate of U.S. World War II veterans at 1,000 per day, and SPP works every day to learn about these and other brothers who serve or have served. With 25 known SigEp Patriots buried at Arlington National Cemetery, SPP has participated in rose ceremonies at gravesites of brothers there during Veterans Day, Founders Day, Memorial Day and the Wreaths Across America event.

The Project receives news and pictures from brothers about things like promotions, transfers, deployments, marriages and births, and researches the lives of brothers who have passed away. As of press time, the SPP archive contained over 585 pages of word documents,



Deployed Brothers Rally at Camp Patriot in Kuwait: From left, Coast Guard Lieutenant Ian Marks, Sacramento State '90, Navy Lieutenant Junior Grade Patrick Bryant, Christopher Newport '09, and Navy Lieutenant Commander Omar Sanchez, Jacksonville '01, met through the SigEp Patriots Project's Facebook page, SigEps Who Serve, and made time to show off their SigEp pride.

“The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten.” ~ CALVIN COOLIDGE

hundreds of pictures, and a database of names and other information about more than 2,600 brothers who served during peacetime and all the wars since 1901. We share the inspirational service, accomplishments and sacrifices of brother patriots in our weekly installment of “This Week in SigEp Patriot History” posted at www.sigepblog.org.

SPP also assists chapters in documenting and sharing the accomplishments and sacrifices of its military chapter brothers, as an inspiring facet of a chapter's legacy. SPP has been able to provide chapters with information obtained through correspondence, military networks, Veterans Affairs resources and websites. In addition, the Project is assisting 32 brothers as SPP chapter points of contact, and we are always interested in partnering with additional brothers and chapters.

To learn more about the SigEp Patriots Project and how you and/or your chapter can be involved, please contact me at sigepswhoserve@gmail.com.

Leveraging SigEp in your professional career

By **BRYCE GIESLER**, Tennessee '82, and
BEAUX CARRIERE, Charleston '10, Alumni and Volunteer Services Director

College graduates can't count on finding a job anymore. Even a graduate degree does not guarantee a job as an increasing number of educated people find themselves under or unemployed. And recent alumni are not the only ones affected. SigEp alumni of all ages are finding that performance and company loyalty no longer guarantee job security. In a constricted, competitive job market, leveraging your network during a job search and in times of job stability is essential.

With over 230,000 living brothers, SigEp has one of the strongest and most reliable networks to leverage as an alumnus or undergraduate.



Dennis Kaps

Dennis Kaps, Ohio State '03, is a recruiting manager at Abercrombie & Fitch's corporate headquarters. "I see thousands of resumes. When I see SigEp on

a resume I take notice because, as a SigEp, I know there is a high likelihood that this person has a set of values that will make them successful," he said.

SigEps helping SigEps

Recognizing the demand for professional networking among brothers, **Eric Chan**, Carnegie Mellon '98, introduced SigEp to the professional networking site LinkedIn in 2007. Similar to Facebook and other social media sites, LinkedIn allows users to develop a profile and make connections with other users. LinkedIn's focus is on professional networking. A member's profile is his online resume, and the site enables users to make professional contacts and expand their network.

With the assistance of **Bryce Giesler**, Tennessee '82, Eric grew an unofficial SigEp LinkedIn group from fewer than 100 members to more than 14,000 over the past five years. This group is currently the second largest social fraternity-related group on LinkedIn and consistently gets 20-30 requests for membership each day.

SigEp members range from undergraduates to industry leaders. Group members join discussions on topics that include industry advice, employer connections and resume tips. A growing number of discussions have come from brothers who are either hiring or looking for job opportunities.

A search for SigEps on LinkedIn will produce more than 55,193 professional profiles listing membership in our

Fraternity. Of these, over 14,000 have discovered the power of connecting through the Sigma Phi Epsilon (Official) LinkedIn group. If you aren't in the group yet, you may want to sign up.

Information is power

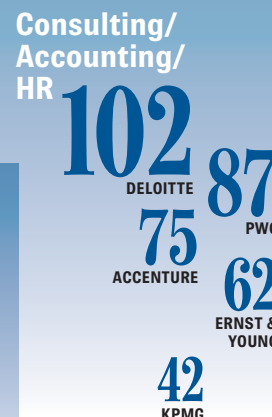
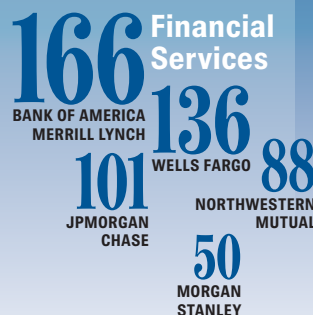
Richard Podos, NYU '85, is CEO and President of Lance Capital, a commercial real estate and finance firm based in New York City. Podos is an active user of LinkedIn and leverages the platform in the same manner as corporate recruiters like Kaps. By purchasing an advanced license, Podos is able to mine the wealth of data available through LinkedIn profiles. Access to this information has led Podos on a crusade to connect SigEps in his city and industry. He has facilitated mentor relationships among alumni and undergraduates, helped qualified SigEps find jobs and supported regular networking events in New York.

Podos' research has created a surge of excitement in New York and shown SigEps across the country the potential of LinkedIn. SigEp brothers work in virtually every major corporation in the United States. At least 175 of these corporations employ more than 10 SigEps, many of whom are in senior leadership roles.



Major Corporate Employer Presence

The following LinkedIn data shows the top five major corporate employers of SigEps across five industries as of July 2012. Podos estimates that this data is significantly understated and leans towards younger alumni who have been the early adopters of LinkedIn. To view the full list, visit Sigma Phi Epsilon (Official) on LinkedIn.



“I see thousands of resumes. When I see SigEp on a resume I take notice because, as a SigEp, I know there is a high likelihood that this person has a set of values that will make them successful.”

~ DENNIS KAPS

Expanding the SigEp network

Over the past five years, the group has grown organically to become the “official” LinkedIn group for SigEps.

Building upon volunteer efforts,

SigEp staff have taken on responsibilities to support and expand the group. You’ll start to see discussions with relevant stories from SigEp publications, questions to spur conversation, and subgroups based on geography and industry.

The additional support for the SigEp group is designed to foster the kind of growth we have seen Podos drive in New York. Whether you work in an urban or rural environment, in business or in medicine, SigEps are in your industry, maybe even your office. To begin leveraging your SigEp network, promoting metro networking events, or connecting with brothers in your field, join the conversation at Sigma Phi Epsilon (Official). You can find the group through a LinkedIn search or at www.linkedin.com/e/gis/36627.

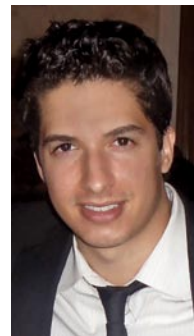


5 tips

for using
LinkedIn from
Richard Podos



1. Fill out the whole profile. Consider it a resume on overdrive. Include a picture of yourself, SigEp roles and accomplishments, and other interests.
2. Connect with everyone you know. Start with SigEp connections, and include all professional contacts.
3. Join as many groups and subgroups as possible. The more connections that you have, including those you have by virtue of being in a group, the more information you can see and the more you will be seen by other LinkedIn users.
4. Join the conversation. Post relevant comments in existing group discussions or start new discussions. This creates more opportunities for you to make strong, professional connections.
5. Learn to use advanced search. With it, you can search for SigEps in specific companies, industries, and metro areas.



Law Student Leverages LinkedIn

At the end of his first year at Columbia Law School, Matt Villar, New York '11, competed with law students across the country for prestigious summer associate positions. Looking for mentorship in the process, Villar leveraged the SigEp LinkedIn community. He started by attending a networking breakfast for SigEp lawyers in New York. Villar also emailed 10 SigEp attorneys where he would be interviewing and seven replied with advice. Four mentored and prepped him for the interview process. He received multiple offers and will be a 2013 summer associate at Latham & Watkins in New York City. Villar finished his first year with honors and was recognized as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

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We need more Zar Toolans

By DOUGLAS D. SCHEIBE, Kansas State '87, Executive Director, Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation



Zar Toolan is a unique name.

Zar Toolan, Columbia '01, is a unique SigEp. You may say everyone is unique, but this brother is truly special.

As you learn about all he has done for our Fraternity, consider that he has balanced it with a successful career, and is now a vice president and director, partnerships and business strategy at Wells Fargo Advisors. He is also a husband, father and triathlete.

We all have a connection to SigEp. I hope this story inspires you to give back in your own way.

Foundation: How did SigEp change your life as an undergraduate?

Toolan: I had no interest in joining a fraternity based on the typical stereotypes. When I got to college, I realized there was something missing. We started the chapter at Columbia to fill a certain gap in our lives. We wanted to create something that would be a gathering place for successful individuals. What followed was an arena for “applied leadership” where we shared successes and failures from work in other student organizations to make our experience the best it could be. SigEp allowed me to develop a complementary skill set as a chapter officer that continues to serve me well.

Foundation: What programs did you attend and how did they affect you?

Toolan: The Ruck Leadership Institute, Carlson Leadership Academy, Grand Chapter Conclave.

Ruck allowed me the chance to interact with SigEp and campus leaders from across the country who inspired me to do more and to be more. I’m still close friends with several of the other SigEps who met that intense week and regularly make time to see them and their families. Ruck made me want to leave a legacy not just at my home chapter, but for SigEp as a whole. It inspired me to come to the SigEp staff as a regional director.

Foundation: How is SigEp a part of your life as an alumnus?

Toolan: I continue to be actively engaged with redefining and evolving our development programs nationally, including the next generation of the Balanced Man Program. I work locally with the Missouri Beta Chapter at Washington in St. Louis. I also facilitate and speak each year at the Ruck Leadership Institute.

Many of my closest friends in St. Louis are SigEps. In the past month, I’ve gone to two weddings for SigEps I met while working for the Fraternity. There are eight other SigEps who work at Wells Fargo Advisors headquarters, and we not only collaborate but also socialize and volunteer with the local chapters and alumni groups. The Fraternity for me has transformed over time from “something you do” to “a value set for who you are.”

Foundation: What was your message at the 2012 CLA and 2012 Ruck keynote?

Toolan: “Finding your ‘WHY’ through balance.” Life is not about the stuff you do or the boxes you check, but rather about who you are as a human being and how many lives you positively impact along the way. The Balanced Man should be embraced as a framework for life, not simply as a program you go through as an undergraduate. At its core, the Balanced Man represents for me a continuous ebb and flow of Knowledge, Fitness, Service, People, and Perspective. With all of those in their appropriate “orbits” in your life, you can’t help but be successful and make a huge difference on the way we live, work, act, and experience life.

Foundation: Why do you volunteer for SigEp?

Toolan: Volunteering for the Fraternity allows me to translate the lessons I’ve learned over the years to a new generation of SigEps. Hopefully those experiences will allow them to become better men and leave their chapters in even better shape.

Foundation: Why do you give to the Foundation?

Toolan: I have received so much out of my many experiences with Foundation-sponsored programs over the years, from the BMP to Ruck, CLA, and Conclave to the RD program. I feel it’s my duty to continue to give back so that a new generation of SigEps can have an even better experience with those programs and others. The life lessons I continue to gain are a direct corollary to my time as an undergraduate SigEp—time, talent, and treasure are vital to the success of any organization, and I give heavily of all three to SigEp because of what it has given me.

Give to the Foundation and join Brother Toolan in inspiring the next generation of SigEps. Visit www.sigep.org and click “Give.”

Alumni and Volunteer News

Mammal researcher breaks ground in South America

By JOSHUA HODNICHAK, Case Western Reserve '10

Darin Croft, Iowa '93, has a really cool job. When approached about being interviewed for the *Journal*, Croft's first response was that he'd be happy to help. His second response: "The main challenge will be working around my travel schedule." Croft worked in an interview between his visits to Dubai and Australia. He left for Chile a few weeks later. That's four continents in a little over a month.

Croft grew up in Nebraska, and during the '93-'94 academic year, he traveled through Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida as a regional director. The following year, Croft attended the University of Chicago where he earned both his master's and Ph.D. studying extinct South American hoofed mammals, specifically a group known as notoungulates. Croft now serves as an associate professor in the Department of Anatomy at the Case Western Reserve School of Medicine where he teaches anatomy.

During his studies at Chicago, Croft traveled abroad for the first time for his research. Croft's initial site was located in the Altiplano on the northern tip of Chile. He's been returning to that region and other parts of South America ever since to collect more fossils and further his research. Although his studies began with notoungulates, Croft has become an expert in most groups of South American mammals as well as the field of paleobiology, which is the study of how extinct animals lived.

Croft is combining his expertise in mammals and paleobiology to help further our understanding of ancient habitats in South America. This may sound like an esoteric aim, but such studies may aid modern conserva-



In 2004, Croft was excavating the skull of a sheep-sized hoofed mammal called *Trachytherus*. "This turned out to be a very nice specimen," he said. The fossils at this Bolivian site called Salla are about 26-27 million years old.

tion efforts by providing clues about how animals alive today will react to changing climates and habitats. Croft says one of his personal goals is to be considered among the premiere experts on South American mammals. To that end, he's working on a general-interest book based on his experiences that will tell the story of South America's strange mammals as

illustrated by 18 field sites throughout the continent.

When he's not traveling all over the world for his research or personal travel, Croft and his wife live in Cleveland, Ohio. His wife is also an academic, and is one of the world's leading

experts in liver pathology. Her travel frequently takes the two to conferences worldwide, such as their trip to Dubai earlier this year. Croft's flexible teaching schedule allows him to join his wife on many of these trips, since he can work on his research publications and book from anywhere he can plug in his laptop.

Croft said one thing that helped him manage his research, teaching responsibilities, marriage and personal life was the Balanced Man Ideal. Croft discussed how, "The older you get, the easier it is to over-commit to specific parts of your life." It's this lesson and others that have allowed him to manage a lifestyle that regularly takes him to faraway destinations for both work and pleasure. Whether it's running a dig site in Chile, writing his book in Dubai or traveling personally in Australia, it's all in a day's work for Croft.



From left, Croft and two colleagues, André Wyss of California-Santa Barbara, and John Flynn of the American Museum of Natural History in New York are at a border crossing in the Andes between Chile and Argentina known as Paso de Agua Negra in 2007. They were searching for new fossil sites.

Chilean native launches life and career in the U.S.

By JOSHUA GUTIERREZ, Cal State-San Bernardino '09

When asked how he's helped his company grow into a billion-dollar business in less than 10 years, **Rod Martinez, Indiana of Pennsylvania '94**, replied, "You need to have a passion for what you do and let it translate to the people around you."

"There's no Passion 101 class," Martinez said, "Passion is enjoying what you're doing and using it as an instrument for change." Both his passion and leadership define yet another reason why SigEp is for balanced men across the world.

Martinez called Santiago, Chile his home until the age of 16 when he was selected to join the highly-competitive American Field Service (AFS) as an exchange student to the United States. Out of every student in the country, he was one of only 12 accepted into the program. After a year, however, he had to return to Chile for high school graduation.

Returning to the U.S.

"I made some friends during my exchange program who not only encouraged me to return to the U.S., but told me I could stay with them if I wanted to go to college in the states," Martinez said. "When I left Chile the second time, my parents told me no funds would be available. If I felt strongly about this endeavor, I'd have to do it on my own."

After returning to the states, Martinez had only 90 days to change his visa from visitor to student status. This meant he had to apply to a school, be accepted, and pay for it before he could change his status. He decided to go to IUP for



Martinez became a United States citizen this year at a U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services Naturalization Ceremony at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park. The family affair included, from left, sons Mateo, Lucas, Francisco and Gabriel, and wife, Renee.

academic and financial reasons.

"I was accepted into Penn State, but it was too expensive," Martinez continued. "I had to pay for my first year of college on my own."

Because of his academic achievement, the International Student's Office helped Martinez obtain a scholarship for the next four years of schooling. It was then that he joined SigEp.

A culture of acceptance

"When I was younger, I was an Eagle Scout, and I recognized many of the same ideals in SigEp," Martinez said. "I liked the concept of the Balanced Man; I liked what it represented."

During his undergraduate experience, Martinez not only learned about brotherhood and friendship through the Fraternity, but also through his cultural experiences.

"I never felt like I was looked at differently because of my culture," Martinez explained. "It says a lot about the Fraternity that I was able to follow its ideals and really grow."

One of the other highlights Martinez experienced in SigEp was its focus on academics. Because he was focused on high academic achievement, Martinez was worried that joining the Fraternity would lower his grades. "The Fraternity always

supported me in keeping my grades up," he said. He needed that focus with a major in physics.

Since then, Martinez has had a multitude of cultural experiences. After graduating, Martinez moved from being an application engineer in Pittsburgh to a product manager for Materion, a then-\$55 million material company. "This job has expanded my horizons," he continued, "I've seen and experienced so many different cultures."

Balanced success

In the 16 years since Martinez has been with Materion, he has been promoted several times and is now the vice president of a business unit that produces over \$700 million in annual revenue. His success, however, is in other places.

"I tell my kids, 'Well developed societies forget about basic living. We forget about what's around us and how to live in the moment. Be aware of what's around you, live in the moment, and stand up for what you believe in, even if it's not the common agreement.'"

His success is in his wife, his four kids, and his passion for his work.



Rod and Renee Martinez hiked by the Columbia River near the Oregon-Washington border this summer on their short annual trip without the kids.

A flood of brotherly love helps couple come home

By MICHAEL MCDOWELL, Nevada-Reno '03

On June 22, 2011, the Souris River in Minot, N. D., flooded the city to depths of up to 12 feet of water—the worst flood in that area in more than 40 years. Brother **Andy Solsvig, North Dakota '00**, and his wife, Dani, were among 10,000 residents evacuated from their homes. They first set foot back in their home more than two weeks later, only to find it completely uninhabitable.

“The floorboards were all buckled, and you could peel the walls down like they were drapes,” recalled Dani.

For the next few months, the Solsvigs found themselves homeless, staying with friends until mid-September when FEMA provided them with a 40-foot by 12-foot trailer to live in. Needless to say, it couldn't compare to what they once called home. Things didn't change quickly as the cold weather closed in. Most of the winter in Minot saw a temperature between five and 15 degrees, getting as cold as 30 below zero. With the severe cold (and a long winter season), it would be months before construction on the home could even begin.

In the meantime, unbeknownst to Andy and Dani, chapter brothers **Cory Abrahamson, '97**, and **Mike Lee, '95**, were rallying SigEp brothers to raise money to assist in the rebuild of the house. “I wanted to help Andy and Dani out, but when it comes to fixing a house, a small amount of money from me wasn't going to get them very far,” said Abrahamson. “But if you get a group of guys and they all contributed, collectively we could make a difference.”

A secret assistance plan

Abrahamson and Lee reached out to SigEp brothers by email, phone and Facebook to rally support. They even went as far as to have Solsvig temporarily removed from the alumni listserve so they could keep brothers informed without tipping him off. They would have considered the fundraising effort a complete success if they had raised \$1,000. However,



Andy Solsvig and his wife, Dani, were extremely grateful for the help and support they received from chapter brothers to repair their home. To express their gratitude, they painted their front door red.

they were able to raise more than \$5,700 donated by 57 individuals.

The donation came as a complete surprise to the Solsvigs, and one that they will be eternally grateful for. In fact, they still get choked up just recounting the experience.

“It didn't feel real. It was such a huge relief and a number of gifts came from people we didn't even know,” said Andy. “I plan to pay this forward.”

SigEp support eases tough situation

This experience was very difficult on the couple—testing their emotions, their patience and diligence. There were times that things felt hopeless and as though no progress was being made. There were times they felt utterly alone. But the support of SigEp brothers was a shining light in this otherwise dismal experience. Experiencing this kind of brotherly love first hand enhanced Dani's perspective on Sigma Phi Epsilon.

“If you get a group of guys and they all contributed, collectively we could make a difference.” ~ CORY ABRAHAMSON

“I didn't really understand the camaraderie and connection until then,” said Dani. “It meant the world to us. It really made me understand what this Fraternity means to Andy.”

Dani proposed that they paint the new front door to their home red as a symbol of their gratitude. The Solsvigs have put countless hours into the reconstruction of their home and expect to move back in by fall 2012.

Pastry chef achieves top national honor

By **KEVIN LYNCH**, Maryland-College Park '08

PHOTO BY CHRISTINE CHANG



Sometimes you can easily identify what a student will become based on his activities at school—the guy who builds robots or rockets becomes an aerospace engineer, the guy who codes for fun becomes a game designer, and

the guy who collects animal specimens becomes...a pastry chef?

That puzzling case is **Nathaniel Reid**, **Missouri-Columbia '02**, who found his calling somewhere he did not expect, and was just named one of the top pastry chefs in the United States.

Reid grew up in a house like many—his mother was an excellent cook, and the family gathered at meal times. At these family discussions, Reid had always expressed a passion for science, especially biology. He learned to cook growing up, but it had never been more than a practical skill and a hobby.

Change in plans

After beginning his university studies in biology, Reid attended an internship at a state park, getting hands-on experience in his chosen profession, and he hated it. He had envisioned the job as more action-oriented, more crocodile hunter-esque, and found himself wanting for more. “I didn’t want to just sit in a lab,” Reid commented, “I want to be more active.” At home for a winter break, he did what any of us would do in that situation: he asked his family for help.

The family gathered, and they started discussing what Reid could do. He had never really wanted to do anything else, so the discussion continued. The answer came from his mother, who suggested



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Nathaniel Reid, top left, used a deft and highly-trained hand to craft the colorful macarons and pastries pictured here.

he try his hand at cooking. Reid had not thought of that as a career and was taken aback, but, “The rest of my family nodded in agreement,” he said.

From dishes to dessert

Reid changed his major to hotel and restaurant management. He also quit working as a waiter and became a dishwasher, his first foray into the professional kitchen. He worked his way up the ranks—to cold prep, fried food, pasta, and then fish. After the position of pastry chef became available, he badgered the head chef until he was given a chance. “I wouldn’t take no for an answer,” he said, and he hasn’t looked back since.

After graduating, Reid attended Le Cordon Bleu in Paris. He had to learn French and attended both their pastry and culinary programs. He got a job as a personal chef to pay his way through school, but in the process found a friendly place and support in the foreign country.

Reid noticed his passion was definitely in the pastry curricula. “I would be upset if I were running late for a pastry class,” he said. He returned home and began an impressive resume: the Ritz Carlton in Las Vegas, Joel Robuchon Restaurant (a Michelin 3-star establishment), and the St. Regis Hotel.

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Reid has been selected as a Competition Pastry Chef of the Year, took third in the International Pastry Grand Prix in Tokyo, and earned a Best Chocolate/Confection in the U.S.A. at the **Pastryscoop.com** Golden Scoop Awards. He works at Norman Love Confections and was just selected as one of the top 10 pastry chefs in America by *Dessert Professionals* magazine.

A taste of balance

Reid said his SigEp experience allowed him to pursue his career while keeping in mind balanced living. A pastry chef has to eat a lot of not-so-healthy foods, and Reid tries to run often to stay in shape, despite his busy schedule. Reid's SigEp brothers were surprised by his sudden change in career paths, but he said once they digested it (no pun intended), they were incredibly supportive.

While he attended school in France, Reid applied for many scholarships, as he did not have the money to live abroad. He found it difficult as a student attending a school out of the country to find financial support. "I was lucky to be attending culinary school, so I didn't have to worry about feeding myself," he said. Reid hopes that he can use his success as a way to help younger students with a passion for the culinary arts by establishing a scholarship program. "I would

"I was lucky to be attending culinary school, so I didn't have to worry about feeding myself."

~NATHANIEL REID

love to help out a student the same way that I was able to receive support," he said.

Reid reminds us that, even if it takes some time, finding your passion can lead to incredible success.

Sportswriter shuns paycheck, pens book

By **TONY MEALE**, Saint Louis '07



It wasn't an easy choice, but it was one that I had to make. On June 6, 2011—one day before my 26th birthday—I walked into my editor's office and submitted my resignation.

You know the phrase, "Don't quit your day job"? Well, I quit my day job.

What followed was a 12-month odyssey in which I wrote and published my first book—*The Chosen Ones: The Team That Beat LeBron*, which tells the untold story of the only Ohio prep basketball team to ever beat LeBron James. The team was St. Bernard Roger Bacon—a small school in Cincinnati—and the game was the 2002 state final, which was played approximately five weeks after LeBron, then a 17-year-old junior, appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* with the words, "The Chosen One."

Roger Bacon's win has always been kind of personal to me. I am a Cincinnati native who attended one of Roger Bacon's rival schools and graduated in 2003—the same year as LeBron. I knew then how special the win was, but I knew it would be years before other people did, too.

With the 10-year anniversary of the game approaching, I decided that the story of that team, dormant for a decade, needed to be told—so I set about telling it, applying the same virtue and diligence that I learned through SigEp. I interviewed more than 50 people for the book, which took eight months to write and four months to publish. I also founded Press Box Publishing LLC, and intend to specialize in sports books.



"You learn a lot about yourself when you walk away from your paycheck to pursue a dream." ~ TONY MEALE

Starting my own publishing company really taught me to think like a businessman. There were times when I didn't know what I was doing, but I had to learn on the fly and do it anyway.

You learn a lot about yourself when you walk away from your paycheck to pursue a dream.

The 372-page book was published June 10, 2012—less than two weeks before LeBron led the Miami Heat to the NBA title—and has received attention from writers at ESPN, *SLAM* and MaxPreps, among others. It has been described as "*Hoosiers* meets *Remember the Titans*."



You can visit www.thechosenonethebook.com for more information.

Former Welterweight Champion Victor Ortiz proud to be a SigEp

By **MAC TAMBLYN**, Kansas '14

Since April, SigEps have been able to claim one of the world's foremost boxers as a brother. You may have seen the SigEp logo on boxer **Victor Ortiz**'s trunks during highlights of his bout with Josesito Lopez. That's because Ortiz, the 25-year-old former WBC Welterweight Champion, is a recently initiated Renaissance Brother.

In April, Ortiz was initiated to the Kansas Gamma Chapter of SigEp at Kansas. Brothers describe him using words like "passionate," "honest," "outspoken," and "driven." Ortiz enjoyed the initiation experience.

"It was awesome," Ortiz said. "I didn't know what to expect, but all of my brothers coached me through it really well. I'm used to being coached so I think I did it really well, and here I am today."

Ortiz's road to SigEp brotherhood is far longer than the traditional recruitment process. After growing up predominantly in Garden City, Kan. foster homes, Ortiz became involved in Big Brothers, Big Sisters. His introduction to boxing came through this program.

In high school, one of his closest friends was **Adam Price**, '10, football standout and soon-to-be SigEp at Kansas. During a 2004 recruiting visit to Garden City, former Chapter Counselor **Mark Allen**, **Kansas Renaissance**, met Ortiz while recruiting future brothers Price and **Michael Proudfit**, '10.

As years went by, Ortiz became a familiar face at Kansas Gamma. Despite moving to Ventura, Calif., to advance his boxing career, he made a point to stop by the chapter house when he returned to Kansas. During the '08-'09 school year, he would often stay in the presidential suite, where Price resided. After meeting and befriending many SigEps, in addition to more of his close Garden City friends moving to Lawrence, Ortiz's KU and SigEp roots deepened.

Finally, in April, Ortiz made the unofficial official by joining the SigEp brotherhood. For Brothers Allen and Price,



"I didn't know what to expect, but all of my brothers coached me through it really well."

~ VICTOR ORTIZ

who regard Ortiz as a "son" and brother, respectively, it was a momentous occasion.

"I could not be more proud," Allen said. "Vic's passion for being the best at everything he takes on and his ability to understand how to achieve balance between career, college and community work, makes him the perfect Balanced Man."



Victor Ortiz, Kansas Renaissance, was initiated this year. Above, he fought Josesito Lopez on June 23, 2012. The bout aired on ESPN, with Ortiz sporting the SigEp logo on his boxing shorts. Unfortunately our man lost the fight after suffering a broken jaw. Despite his busy schedule, Ortiz gets back to Kansas whenever he can, top and left, shaking hands with Mac Tamblyn, '14.

Three Rutgers alumni inspired by a fallen brother to collaborate on pediatric cancer research

By TYLER MANOUKIAN, Massachusetts '13

Sean Hanna was born a big, healthy baby with brown eyes on July 30, 1986. He lived a healthy life until the age of 7, when he was diagnosed with Stage 4 Hodgkins Lymphoma, a cancer of the immune system.

He loved action sports, playing the piano, drawing and singing in choir. Hanna graduated with honors in high school and studied broadcast journalism at Rutgers, where he was a member of the New Jersey Beta Chapter until graft versus host disease – an illness caused when cells from a donated stem cell graft attack the normal tissue of the transplant patient – took his life on April 28, 2007.

Lou Awad, Rutgers '08, joined the Fraternity with Hanna in spring 2005 and the two became very close. He remembers a trip to Philadelphia with Sean and other brothers when the group decided to climb the famous 'Rocky Steps' at the Museum of Art in Philadelphia.

Living large

"We decided to race up the Rocky Steps, and Sean was one of the first to go," said Awad, the balanced man steward and resident scholar at Delaware Alpha. "As I watched him run up the steps like they were nothing, I remember thinking, 'Wow, what a warrior!'"

But when Hanna's condition worsened, Awad had to break the news to his chapter. "I remember the silence and shock that immediately took over the room. Everything seemed to fall away as we were forced to face this reality," said Awad.

Hanna's fight against cancer lasted 13 years, much longer than anyone expected. He got excellent treatment for his condition, and he was courageous. He cared so deeply for others that one year he dressed up as a Christmas tree for his high school choir class and went room-to-room singing Christmas carols.

"He hopped from room to room to sing and make people laugh, said Linda Hanna, Sean's mother. "Then he decided he wanted to be lit up, so he bounced his way to an outlet and plugged himself in. He really understood the meaning of life."



Below, right, Jessie Hanna and his younger brother, Sean, who passed away at age 20. Above, SigEp brothers participate in the first Sean Hanna Foundation 5K Run in 2008. Louis Awad, above right, and fellow SigEps, Jessie Hanna and Boris Paskhover conducted research on the underfunding of pediatric cancer efforts.

Jessie Hanna, Rutgers '06, Sean's older brother and former chapter president, worked with Awad first at the Rutgers recreation department, and then at a local hospital.

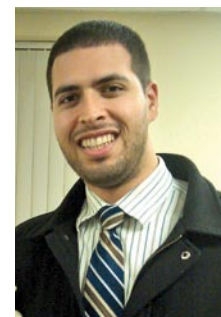
"After the passing of my brother, I was determined to lift up families suffering with the financial, social, and psychological burdens of cancer treatment. I created The Sean Hanna Foundation, entered medical school, and performed research in the fields of pediatric oncology and cancer immunology," said Jessie Hanna, third-year medical student at Rutgers University Medical School.

Research opportunity

Hanna approached Awad about a research opportunity. "I thought, what better way to help those like Sean than to rally folks in the scientific and medical communities around this cause," said Awad.

Hanna and Awad wrote the article with Boris Paskhover, Rutgers '07, a first-year surgical resident at Yale-New Haven hospital. The authors met as undergraduates at Rutgers and became close. Paskhover and Awad were roommates for a year. Paskhover was also Sean's Fraternity "big brother."

"The Second-Class Disease: Pediatric Cancer," discusses the fatal impact that underfunded pediatric cancer is having on people age 20 or younger. The number of diagnoses and mortality rates climb



"A man with outward courage dares to die; a man with inner courage dares to live."
~LAO TZU



as the patient gets older because it affects multiple systems years after initial treatment. Gregory Reaman, M.D., chair of the Children's Oncology Group said, "Each day that pediatric cancer research goes under-funded, the road to discovering new treatments and cures becomes longer, and more children are put at risk."

"A need exists for fundraising for relief organizations like the Sean Hanna Foundation, which attempts to ease the burdens such horrible circumstances place on these children and their families," said Awad.

Jessie Hanna has donated his time and energy towards the disease that claimed his brother's life. In short, Sean Hanna inspired Jessie Hanna to become the man he is today.

"I can't imagine myself doing anything else. Sean taught me and so many others about the meaning of life and the precious gift that each day brings."

"I learned so much from my younger brother, and now with Sean living through me and my work, I strive relentlessly every day to find a cure and end the suffering forever."



For information on Pediatric Cancer and the Sean Hanna Foundation, please visit <http://seanhannafoundation.org>.

In Memoriam

The following is a partial listing of SigEps by state of the member's home chapter who have passed away in recent months.

Names in red are national volunteers or those who have received national recognition for their service such as the Order of the Golden Heart, Volunteer of the Year, Distinguished Alumnus or Citation.

It is our chance to remember those brothers who, through their death, have reminded us that life is transitory.

To inform the Fraternity of the death of a member, email the obituary to communications@sigep.net or send to: In Memoriam, Sigma Phi Epsilon, 310 South Boulevard, Richmond, Va. 23220.

You can now read and submit obituaries and remembrances of SigEp brothers on the website www.sigep.org/news/inmemoriam.html

Correction: The Spring 2012 issue should have listed the class year of Alexander J. Taylor III, Delaware as '62. The Journal regrets the error.

Alabama

Donald C. Jennings
Auburn '43

Alfred J. Saliba
Alabama '52

Arizona

Dennis D. Jenson
Arizona '65

California

Henry S. Giron
CSU-Sacramento '11

John M. Gallo
San Diego State '62

Fred U. Hammett Jr.
San Diego State '64

Hank Moonjean

Southern California '52
(Citation recipient)

Glen C. Ware
Southern California '50

Colorado

William K. Atkins
Denver '52

Dean A. Olsen
Colorado '51

Joseph J. Rebeck
Colorado School of Mines '53

John H. Turner
Colorado School of Mines '57

Dennis L. Vanderhoof
Northern Colorado '62

John B. Webster Jr.
Northern Colorado '55

Delaware

Warren V.
VanArsdalen Jr.
Delaware '53

Illinois

Robert J. Hofbauer
Monmouth '50

Harold A. Poling

Monmouth '49
(Citation recipient and Foundation Life Trustee)

David S. Rickards
Bradley '66

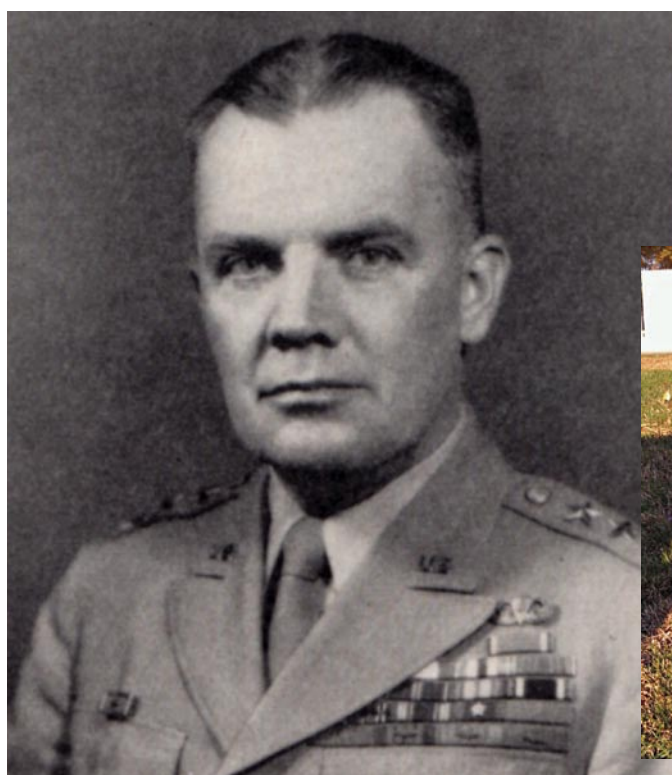
Indiana

Dean Duncan
Indiana State '52
(Order of the Golden Heart recipient)

Carter H. Floyd
Indiana State '86

R. Edward Steele
Purdue '59

Gregory J. Swartz
Evansville '87



Brother Anthony Clement "Nuts!" McAuliffe, West Virginia '20, was a four-star general and decorated war hero. His gravestone, unusually plain for a general, is on the crest of a hill at Arlington National Cemetery and reflects his commitment to being a soldier's Soldier.



Kansas

Roger O. Doyle
Wichita State '62

R. Glenn Elliott
Kansas '41

Henry H. Hall
Wichita State '61 (past Headquarters staff)

David F.
VanHaverbeke
Kansas State '51

Kentucky

Evan P. Draper
Northern Kentucky '12

Arthur T. Heitlauf
Louisville '50

Alan H. Raidt
Murray State '73

Maryland

Paul D. Norman
Maryland-Baltimore '94

Massachusetts

Edmund T. Bennett
Massachusetts '54

Roy Fogelgren,
Massachusetts '54

Robert A. Huff
Boston University '52

Jerald E. Toogood
Boston University '48

Michigan

John D. Breslin
Michigan State '66

Kurt D. Isotalo
Ferris State '05

James E. Olsen
Central Michigan '60

Mississippi

Jonathan V. Boling
Mississippi '01

Jason S. King
Mississippi '94

Missouri

Todd A. Baker
Missouri State '87

Edward L. Cohn
Culver Stockton '61

David J. Davis
Missouri-S&T '55

Charles W.
Kenworthy
Missouri-Columbia '49

G. Hugh Overstreet
Southeast Missouri State '67

Andrew M. Thurn
Central Missouri '98

Nebraska

Gary J. Vicker
Nebraska-Omaha '57

New York

Bruce Kirk
Cornell '56

Donald H. Litzelman
SUNY-Geneseo '82

Edward N.
Stevens Jr.
Rensselaer '42

Peter S. Taft
Buffalo State '03

North Carolina

Charles L. Helms
North Carolina State '56

Paul E. Lutz

Lenoir-Rhyne '56

Carey B. Scovel
Elon '06

Ohio

Richard H. Allyn
Miami (Ohio) '53

John J. Fesenmeier
Cincinnati '59

Delwin N. Ketterman
Toledo '59

Sean A. Riznikove
Ohio Northern '93

Alvin L. Tripp
Ohio Wesleyan '49

Oklahoma

Charles F. Harrison
Oklahoma State '49

George D.
Ormiston III
Oklahoma State '60

Oregon

Richard E. Charters
Oregon State '42

Pennsylvania

Kenneth C. Brooks
Pennsylvania State '49

Rudolph R. Draudin
Muhlenberg '51

Charles F. Felton
Bucknell '55

Tennessee

Micah T. McNeer
Memphis '02

David L. Williams
Memphis '76

Texas

Jackson Chaney
(formerly Douglas J. Cocke)

Texas Tech '77

Daniel M. Christoffel
Houston '84

William K. Foster
Texas-Austin '54

Lanny M. Jackson
Angelo State '84

Blake T. Miles
Texas-Austin '71

Utah

Richard D. Crump
Utah State '92

Vermont

Charles V. Masick
Vermont '64

Virginia

Edmund B. Gibson
Richmond '58

Edward L. McCarty Jr.
Virginia Tech '03

Stillman F. Westbrook
Randolph-Macon '71

West Virginia

Robert F. Wildpret
West Virginia Tech '68

Wisconsin

Malcolm G. Bishop
Lawrence '36

James B. Fruit
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Silvertone*...\$228



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14K...\$698, 10K...\$568
Silvertone*...\$324



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Silvertone*...\$166



1901
Brotherhood Ring
10K...\$310, SS...\$74



138
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10K...\$115



135
Sweetheart Pin
10K...\$69



2606
Badge Shape Pendant
10K...\$120, SS...\$45



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10K...\$119



104
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